



# UNION CITY RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING, COMPOST & LANDFILL NEWS



## SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

This is a newsletter regarding your recycling, compost, and landfill services. Contact us at [510.657.3500](tel:510.657.3500) for more information on translation services, or if you have any other questions. Este es un boletín informativo sobre sus servicios de reciclaje, compost y basura. Comuníquese con nosotros al [510.657.3500](tel:510.657.3500) para obtener más información sobre los servicios de traducción o si tiene alguna otra pregunta.

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### SUMMER SAFETY TIPS & GUIDELINES:

- Keep a safe distance from the truck, at least 15 feet. Never climb on the truck when it's parked. Do not play or stand in or around collection carts.
- Do not attempt or allow children to help with loading any materials into the collection truck. Leave it to the driver.
- Our drivers visibility may be restricted so always maintain eye contact when nearby.
- Set carts curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day and remove carts from the curb by midnight.
- Leave two (2) feet between each cart whenever possible. Place carts facing the street with wheels against the curb.
- Properly sort your materials to comply with State and City regulations. Prohibited materials placed in Recycling and Compost carts may result in extra collection service fees.
- Do not overload carts. Cart lids must close completely. Overflow materials will not be collected. Call [510.657.3500](tel:510.657.3500) to purchase an "overage" bag for extra materials or to request a larger-sized or additional cart.

### HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR TWICE-ANNUAL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION?

- For items that are too large to fit in your Blue Landfill Cart, schedule a Bulky Item Collection at no additional cost.
- Acceptable items include: Large Appliances, Yard Trimmings, Furniture, Carpet, Auto Tires, Electronic Waste.
- For acceptable set-out dimensions, refer to the illustration below.
- Call Republic Services at [510.657.3500](tel:510.657.3500) to schedule your Bulky Item Collection.



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## STATE AND LOCAL ORGANICS (COMPOST) REDUCTION AND RECYCLING LAW

Did you know that Senate Bill (SB) 1383, the State's mandatory organics (compost) reduction and recycling law, went into affect on January 1, 2022? This law is implemented in Union City under Municipal Code Chapter 7.24 in partnership with Republic Services, Tri-CED Community Recycling, StopWaste, and the City of Union City.

SB 1383 requires residents and businesses to separate compostable (organic) materials such as food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings from landfill materials. Compostable materials are regulated because they produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change, when they decompose in landfills.

By following the guidelines featured here and composting more of the right things the right way, you help Union City reduce waste, conserve valuable resources, and comply with State and local laws. For more information on what goes where, visit [UnionCityRecycles.org](http://UnionCityRecycles.org). Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org) to find simple, but effective shopping, cooking, and food storage techniques to prevent food waste in the first place.

## WHY SHOULD I COMPOST?

In 2018, only 2.6 million tons of food scraps were composted compared to the 35 million tons of food scraps that went into landfills (source: Environmental Protection Agency). When food scraps are discarded in landfills, they decompose and produce methane, a climate change greenhouse gas contributor 80x more potent than carbon dioxide. When Union City residents place compostable materials like food scraps in their green Compost Cart, they not only reduce methane emissions, but they also create compost - a valuable soil amendment that retains moisture, conserves water, and nourishes plants and trees.

Use the handy Kitchen Pail to collect and transport food scraps and food-soiled paper to your green Compost Cart. Yard trimmings should also go into the Compost Cart. Visit [UnionCityRecycles.org](http://UnionCityRecycles.org) for a full list of accepted and prohibited materials. Need a Kitchen Pail to collect food scraps? Call Republic Services at **510.657.3500** to request a Kitchen Pail at no additional cost.

## ACCEPTED COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS



## THIS SUMMER, WHEN YOU ARE AT A SPECIAL EVENT, SUMMER CONCERT, PICNICKING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR ENJOYING ALL THAT UNION CITY HAS TO OFFER - MAKE SURE:



- ALL CLEAN CARDBOARD, PAPER, GLASS, METAL & PLASTICS MARKED #1 & 2 are placed in the Gray Recycle Cart.
- ALL FOOD SCRAPS, FOOD-SOILED & WET PAPER are placed in the Green Compost Cart.
- NON-COMPOSTABLE, NON-RECYCLABLE & NON-HAZARDOUS ITEMS are placed in the Blue Landfill Cart.

## PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!