



# UNION CITY MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY RECYCLE, COMPOST & LANDFILL NEWS



## WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

This is a newsletter regarding your recycling, compost, and landfill services. Contact us at **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** para obtener más información sobre los servicios de traducción o si tiene alguna otra pregunta.

Republic Services of Alameda County  
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510.657.3500 | [RepublicServicesAC.com](http://RepublicServicesAC.com)



Tri-CED Community Recycling  
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510.429.8030 | [Tri-CED.org](http://Tri-CED.org)



## Composting is the Law

Beginning January 1, 2022, California's Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires all multi-family property owners/managers to:

- Subscribe to recycling and compost (organics) collection services.
- Place color-coded and labeled recycling and compost containers next to indoor landfill containers.
- Ensure materials are sorted into the correct containers through periodic inspections.
- Inform tenants no later than 14 days after move-in and at least 14 days prior to move-out about SB 1383 requirements.

Learn more about SB 1383 at [UnionCity.org/SB1383](http://UnionCity.org/SB1383).

## Does Your Community Have a Compost Collection Program?

Recycling coordinators are available to provide free technical assistance to help your community start or improve its compost collection program, comply with State and local regulations, and realize potential cost savings. Call Republic Services at **510.657.3500** and ask to speak with a recycling coordinator for assistance meeting SB 1383 compliance!

## Why Should I Compost?

When compostable materials like food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings break down in landfills, they produce methane, a harmful greenhouse gas 80x more potent than carbon dioxide. When we place these materials in the compost bin/cart instead of the landfill, we reduce methane emissions, address climate change, and create compost – a valuable soil amendment.

## Easy Tips to Reduce and Reuse in Your Daily Routine

Preventing waste doesn't have to be complicated. It starts with simple changes in daily habits—like bringing your reusable shopping bag to the store or reusing single-use bags you already have again and again. Reducing and reusing keeps money in your pocket and benefits our community and the environment. Below you can find easy reduce and reuse tips that you can start implementing today!

### Limit Packaging and Single-use Items

Skip the disposables and carry your own reusable bag, water bottle, coffee cup, straw, and utensils. Reuse existing packaging products like paper and plastic bags, glass containers, and wrapping paper whenever possible. When you do have packaging, look for the How2Recycle Label, which is a standardized labeling system with clear recycling instructions.

### Reduce Wasted Food

Check your fridge and pantry and create a shopping list before heading to the store. Shop with meals in mind and only buy what you need. Visit [www.StopFoodWaste.org](http://www.StopFoodWaste.org) for easy, everyday tips to help you plan, store food properly, and eat.

### Shop Smarter, Waste Less

Find alternatives to buying new – local thrift/second-hand shops and online community groups such as Craigslist, Nextdoor, Freecycle, and Facebook Marketplace and Buy Nothing group offer plenty of options for used goods. Bring your own reusable bag/container reuse a plastic bag you already have and consider buying in bulk. This will help you save money and reduce packaging waste. Stores are increasingly offering customers the option to bring their own container to stock up on dry bulk foods and to refill household items like shampoo and detergent. Search online for bulk bins and refill stores. Also consider choosing quality products to keep them in use longer to reduce your environmental footprint.

Source: [www.StopWaste.org](http://www.StopWaste.org)

## 2023 Recycling Poster Contest

### Make Earth Day Every Day!

Our activities impact one another, our planet, and future generations. That's why millions of Americans took to the streets in cities across the country on April 22, 1970, and launched the world's first Earth Day, a day of action to protect the environment. Simple actions applied daily can go a long way in building thriving, sustainable communities, so let's **Make Every Day Earth Day!** Visit [UnionCityRecycles.org](http://UnionCityRecycles.org) for more details about the Recycling Poster Contest.

### Who May Enter

Any Union City student in grades K-12 who lives or attends school in Union City may enter. One entry per student.

### Poster Requirements

- Minimum: 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Maximum: 11 x 17 inches.
- All mediums are accepted: Markers, crayons, water colors, colored pencils, etc. No digital art.
- Poster ideas: Concept and design should be related to waste reduction, recycling, composting, and environmental conservatism.
- Posters created by students must be their own original work.
- A complete Official Entry Form must be attached to every poster artwork entry. Official Entry Forms are available at [UnionCityRecycles.org](http://UnionCityRecycles.org), City Hall, Holly Community Center, and Kennedy Community Center.

### Entry Dates

Entries may be delivered to the following locations between **February 1 at 9 a.m.** and **March 22 at 2 p.m.:**

- **City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.**
- **Holly Community Center, 31600 Alvarado Blvd.**
- **Kennedy Community Center, 1333 Decoto Rd.**

### Prize Categories

- Kindergarten
- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Grades 7-9



**1st Place**  
**\$50**



**2nd Place**  
**\$30**



**3rd Place**  
**\$15**