

How to Participate

Three Simple Steps

1. **Separate Your Waste:** Place organic materials in a plastic bag in your green waste bin.
2. **Follow Collection Schedule:** Set out your green waste bin on your regular collection day.
3. **Reduce Contamination:** Keep non-organic materials out of your green bin.



Need a Food Scraps Kitchen Pail?

Residents can pick one up at:

Pico Rivera City Hall
Office of Sustainability
6615 Passons Boulevard
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should participate?

Everyone! All residents and businesses in California should aim to participate in the new initiative.

What is Senate Bill 1383?

California's Senate Bill 1383 aims to reduce organic waste disposal and tackle climate change. It targets a 75% reduction in organic waste disposal and a 20% recovery rate of edible food that would otherwise be thrown away by 2025.

Where does organic waste go?

Collected organic waste is processed into valuable resources like compost, mulch, and renewable energy.

What is the difference between organics recycling and garden composting?

Organics recycling involves sorting food and yard waste at home for collection and processing at commercial facilities, where it's turned into compost or renewable energy. These facilities can process processed foods like bread and dairy. Garden composting, on the other hand, is done entirely at home on a smaller scale, using only fruit and vegetable scraps to create compost for personal use.

Questions?

Contact the Pico Rivera Office of Sustainability by calling **(562) 801-4244** or sending an email to **Sustainability@pico-rivera.org**.

Contact the City's organics waste hauler, NASA, at **(888) 888-0388**

GO ECO PICO RIVERA

A Guide to Sorting Organic Waste for Sustainability



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6615 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA

What is organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal. Biodegradable waste is organic material that can be broken into carbon dioxide, methane or simple organic molecules.

Why separate it?

Residents and businesses can cut harmful emissions and protect our environment by composting organic materials like food scraps and yard trimmings. Landfills are our third largest source of methane emissions — a climate super pollutant 84x more potent than carbon dioxide. Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of our state's methane!

In Pico Rivera, the community is embracing a forward-thinking **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan**, centered around reducing methane emissions from organic waste decomposition in landfills. Together, we all play a vital role in reducing our community's carbon footprint.

How does recycling organics help?

Organics recycling fights climate change by:

- + Reducing methane emissions from landfills
- + Creating nutrient-rich soil that captures carbon from the atmosphere
- + Reducing the need for chemical fertilizers, which produce greenhouse gases
- + Returning organic matter to the soil, completing the natural carbon cycle
- + Producing renewable resources that replace fossil fuel-based products

What Goes in Your Green Waste Bin

- + Green Waste
- + Grass clippings
- + Leaves and branches
- + Flower and hedge trimmings
- + Weeds
- + Untreated lumber and scrap wood
- + Cacti, succulents, yucca, and palm fronds

Must be separated by a clear plastic bag

Food Scraps

- + Fruits and vegetables
- + Cheese and dairy
- + Meat, bones, poultry and seafood
- + Bread, rice and pasta
- + Coffee grounds and filters
- + Cut flowers and herbs
- + Solidified fats and oils

Food-Soiled Paper

- + Napkins and paper towels
- + Paper egg cartons
- + Paper food containers (no plastic lining)
- + Pizza boxes
- + Paper tea bags
- + Paper plates and cups (no plastic lining)
- + 100% fiber-based compostable containers
- + Cooking oil soaked paper products

What Does NOT Go in Your Green Waste Bin

Please keep these items out

- + All plastics (including "compostable" bioplastics)
- + Coffee cups and pods
- + Food stickers
- + Gloves
- + Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- + Medication
- + Paper with cleaning chemicals
- + Parchment and wax paper
- + Pet waste
- + Rocks and soil
- + Rubber bands and twist ties
- + Silk tea bags
- + Textiles
- + Tissues and wet wipes



For more information about Organics Recycling, visit Pico-Rivera.org/GoEcoPico