

WASTELINE

A Publication for GreenWaste Recovery Customers in the City of Capitola

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What About Compostable Bags?

The City of Capitola has been combining food scraps and yard waste in our green organics cart for nearly two years. We understand Capitola residents have questions about the use of compost liners and food scrap collection bags.

Can I put compostable bags in my green residential organics cart?

No. Although compostable bags seem like a great way to keep your countertop bucket clean and to transport food scraps to your compost pile or green cart, the bags don't break down like food. They take longer to decompose and often shred, leaving a plastic-like fiber behind. If you must use a bag, leave it in your countertop bucket when you dump the food out.

What should I do to keep my countertop bucket clean if I can't use bags?

You can still use compostable bags to line your bucket; just don't throw them in the green bin when you dump your food scraps. The best solution is to skip the bag and wash the bucket with soap and water after you empty your food scraps.

How do I keep my green curbside organics cart clean if I can't use bags?

To keep your green curbside organics cart clean without the use of bags, layer in yard waste between putting in food scraps. If you don't have yard waste, adding baking powder helps.



Need a food scrap pail for your kitchen?

Contact GreenWaste Recovery Customer Service to request one at 831.768.9505.

What goes in the GREEN cart?

- NO Bags**
- NO Metal**
- NO Glass**
- NO Plastic**
- NO Hazardous Waste**



- LEAVES
- MEAT BONES
- FOOD SCRAPS
- EGGSHELLS
- WOOD LUMBER
- YARD CLIPPINGS
- COFFEE GROUNDS
- PAPER
- COFFEE FILTERS
- PUMPKINS



Free Organics Webinar

Get the answers to all your curbside organics collection questions at this free and informative online event!



SCAN ME

Thursday, November 9th
English 6:00 p.m.
Spanish 6:45 p.m.

Register now!

This is Awkward; Bulky Item Disposal

Did you know that putting a “FREE” sign on something and leaving it on the curb is akin to illegal dumping? Illegal dumping is blight on our beautiful city, and a potential health and environmental hazard. With GreenWaste Recovery’s curbside services, there’s never a reason to dump illegally.

Curbside pickup is available throughout the year for a nominal cost. To dispose of bulky items, please call GreenWaste Recovery to schedule a pick up at 831.768.9505.

More options to bulky item disposal include donation, selling or giving away items in online marketplaces (such as NextDoor and Facebook), or holding a yard sale. Certain items are also accepted at the Buena Vista Landfill free of charge, like recyclable metal appliances, mattresses, and box springs.



Single-family residential customers of GreenWaste Recovery can recycle your evergreen tree curbside on your regular service day, January 1-12, 2024.

- Remove all tinsel, decorations and non-wood stands
- No flocked trees (fake snow), please!
- Cut trees to 6-foot lengths

Multi-family residential and commercial customers can request curbside tree pickup by calling Customer Service at 831.768.9505.

Thank you for recycling your holiday trees!

Holiday Pickup Schedule

Collection does not occur on Thanksgiving Day November 23, Christmas Day December 25, or New Year's Day January 1. If an observed holiday falls on a regular collection day, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Please put your carts out for service by 6 a.m. on the collection day. For more information, please contact GreenWaste Customer Service at 831.768.9505.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6