

City of Garden Grove

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Sustainability in Action



What Is SB 1383?

California's Senate Bill (SB) 1383 was passed in 2016 to help fight climate change by reducing short-lived climate pollutants, such as methane. Methane is created when organic waste like food scraps and yard trimmings break down in landfills without oxygen. This process contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions and impacts both the

environment and public health. By diverting organic waste into composting and other environmentally friendly processes, we can reduce harmful emissions, improve air quality, protect public safety, and return valuable nutrients to the soil. The law required California to achieve a 75% reduction in organic waste disposal statewide by 2025.

For Garden Grove residents, this means organic materials must be sorted properly. If you have curbside cart service through Republic Services, food scraps and food-soiled paper should be placed in the organics cart, along with yard trimmings. Plastic bags should never be used for food scraps. Instead, residents are encouraged to use paper bags or wrap items in newspaper. To prevent rodents, raccoons, insects or other animals from accessing the waste, the lids of trash and organics carts should be kept closed at all times. Those who live in apartments or multi-family properties should place food scraps in the green or brown-lidded organics carts or dumpsters provided on-site. If food waste containers are not available, tenants should contact their property manager or reach

out to Republic Services at **800.700.8610**. Using a small kitchen pail or container indoors can make collecting scraps easier before transferring them to the outdoor organics bin. Over the next few years, all carts will be replaced with colors that match California's standardized system, a transition expected to be complete by the end of 2027. These updates will not affect collection days.

Businesses in Garden Grove are also required to participate. All commercial properties must have both recycling and organics programs in place. Republic Services provides free technical support for businesses that need assistance, and a Sustainability Advisor can be reached at **714.238.3300** to help customize services based on specific needs.

By following these guidelines, Garden Grove residents and businesses not only meet state requirements but also support healthier communities. To learn more about organics recycling in Garden Grove, visit **GGcity.org/organics** or **RepublicServices.com/GardenGroveCA**.

Garden Grove Launches New SCRAPP Recycling Tool

Garden Grove residents and businesses can now access SCRAPP, a free tool that provides personalized recycling and disposal guidance. Users can search items or scan barcodes for instant disposal instructions tailored to Garden Grove's three-container system. Access SCRAPP through the Garden Grove app, at **GGcity.org/scrapp**, or by downloading the SCRAPP app.



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Solid Waste Rates Adjusting on July 1

New recycling and trash rates go into effect on July 1, 2026. You can view the updated rates at **GGcity.org**. For more tips on how to recycle smartly, visit **RecyclingSimplified.com**.

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Free Community Cleanup Days

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Sanitary District, in partnership with Republic Services, host a series of community cleanup days throughout the city to help residents properly dispose of unwanted items. These free, self-service events accept furniture, large bulky items, non-refrigerant appliances, scrap metal, electronic waste, household batteries, paper for shredding, tree limbs (cut to 4-foot lengths), brush, leaves and lawn clippings.

These are self-service events, so residents need to be prepared to unload their own items from their vehicles. The locations change for every event to make these events convenient for all residents. All cleanups run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Saturday, July 18 – Garden Grove Unified School District Main Office, 10331 Stanford Ave.
- Saturday, September 26 – H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
- Saturday, November 7 – Public Works, 13802 Newhope St.

Events will NOT accept hazardous waste (such as paints, oils, chemicals, pesticides, automotive batteries or LED lights); construction and demolition materials (such as concrete, dirt, rocks, brick, asphalt, sand or treated/painted wood); tires; large appliances (such as refrigerators, freezers and AC units); and palm fronds. For a full list of unacceptable items, visit [GGcity.org/cleanup-days](https://www.ggcity.org/cleanup-days).

Dates and locations may be subject to change. Check the City website and social media platforms for updates, or call **714.741.5344** for more information.

Stop Contamination Before It Starts

Recycling right starts with knowing what belongs in your recycling cart or dumpster. Clean, dry paper and flattened cardboard are always accepted, along with metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers. Keeping these materials free of food, moisture and residue helps ensure they can be processed properly.

One of the easiest ways to reduce contamination is by labeling your bins at home. A simple label with pictures or text showing what goes where can help everyone in your household or building recycle correctly. It's also important to empty and rinse containers before recycling them. Leftover liquids or food can ruin otherwise recyclable materials, especially paper. Let containers air dry when possible to keep the load clean.

All recyclables should be placed loosely in your blue recycling container. Plastic bags jam up machinery at the sorting facility and often lead to everything inside being thrown away. When placing items in your outdoor cart or dumpster, make sure the lid is fully closed. This helps keep out rain, which can damage recyclables, and prevents animals from digging through your waste.

Certain items should never go in the recycling bin, including hoses, cords, batteries, chemicals and medical sharps. These are dangerous to workers and can cause equipment breakdowns. Contaminated items like greasy pizza boxes, food-soiled containers and used diapers should also be kept out of the recycling. Grease and waste from just one item can spoil an entire load.



Customer Recycling Is Mandatory for Food Service Businesses

Under Assembly Bill 827, limited-service restaurants in California must provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Full-service restaurants must provide separate bins for use by employees. This law also applies to food facilities where customers throw away their own waste, such as food courts and other businesses that sell food for on-site consumption. You can download containers and cabinet labels from [RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources).



If you have questions about business recycling programs, or if you wish to make changes or improvements, call Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.

Safely Dispose of Your Batteries

Batteries are indispensable in our daily lives, powering everything from our smartphones and laptops, to remote controls and children's toys. These compact energy sources offer the convenience of portable power, enabling us to stay connected and productive on the go. However, despite their usefulness, batteries can pose significant risks if they are not handled properly.



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Batteries, particularly lithium-ion types, can be hazardous when mismanaged. Overcharging, physical damage and improper disposal can lead to serious issues, including fires in the collection trucks and facilities, chemical leaks and costs to repair the damage. When a battery is overcharged or left plugged in overnight, it can overheat, leading to potential explosions or fires. Similarly, physical damage to a battery can cause it to leak harmful chemicals, posing a risk to human health and the environment.

Avoid overcharging lithium-ion batteries by unplugging devices once they are fully charged, and never leave them plugged in overnight. This practice helps prevent overheating and extends the battery's lifespan. Second, store batteries in a cool, dry place, ideally between 40 and 80 degrees. Extreme temperatures can degrade battery performance and increase the risk of leakage or combustion.

When it's time to dispose of your batteries, cover the battery terminals with electrical tape, or place each battery in a separate plastic bag. This step helps prevent accidental contact between terminals, reducing the risk of sparks or short-circuits. Finally, never throw batteries into the regular trash. Instead, dispose of them at one of Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. There are also public battery disposal buckets located in the first floor lobby of Garden Grove City Hall (11222 Acacia Parkway), the Public Works main office lobby (13802 Newhope Street), and the front lobby of the Garden Grove Police Department (11301 Acacia Parkway).

Small Habits Add Up

Small actions repeated every day can make a big difference for your home and the environment.

- Refill first, buy less. Carry a reusable water bottle and coffee mug to cut down on disposable cups and bottles.
- Recycle right. Only place clean, empty and dry items in the recycling bin, and know your local guidelines for what is accepted.
- Choose reusable over single-use. Swap disposable bags, utensils and straws for long-lasting alternatives.
- Buy with care. Select products with minimal packaging or packaging that you know can be recycled locally.
- Repair when possible. Fix clothes, electronics and household items instead of tossing and replacing them.

Each of these simple habits does not require dramatic effort. However, over weeks and months, they accumulate into less waste generated.

Bulk Item Pickup Made Simple

Republic Services provides both single-family and multi-family residents with convenient pickups for bulk items and electronics by appointment. Each household may request up to three bulk item pickups per year, with a total of 10 items accepted per pickup, at no additional cost. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **800.700.8610** at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a bulk item pickup. Once you have made the call, a truck will be scheduled to collect your bulk items on your next regular collection day.

Single-family residents should place items at the curb after scheduling a pickup. Please attach a “Scheduled for Pickup” sign (available at [Bit.ly/3ShfFij](https://bit.ly/3ShfFij)) to your bulk items to let our driver know you have scheduled this service. Do not block sidewalks or obstruct traffic. If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager to determine the best location for pickup.

Report Illegal Dumping

When you spot an illegal dump site, don’t ignore it. Instead, note the location and report it to the City. If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity. Write down a description of the person, as well as vehicle make, color and license plate number. Call the City’s Public Works Department at **714.741.5375** or the Garden Grove Police Department’s non-emergency number at **714.741.5704** to report this activity. Working together, we can keep our community looking good for residents and visitors.

Medication Disposal

Unused or expired medications left in your home can lead to accidental poisoning or allow access for misuse of the medications. Many local drugstores accept medications for proper disposal. You can quickly search online for “medication disposal near me” to locate permanent disposal locations nearby. For more details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal).

Medications can also be dropped off in a safe and secure disposal bin located in the front lobby of the Garden Grove Police Department, 11301 Acacia Parkway, during normal business hours. The next DEA Drug Take Back Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2026. Visit [GGcity.org](https://ggcity.org) for more information as the event gets closer.



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Do Not Trash Household Hazardous Waste

You can help reduce the risk of fires and protect our soil and waterways by properly disposing of all household batteries, hazardous waste and electronics. Here’s what you need to do:

- When you remove batteries from devices and prepare to properly discard them, tape over the terminal ends with clear packing tape. Bag your batteries in a sealable plastic bag.
- Separate household hazardous chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, oil-based paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and similar items, from other waste. Set aside old electronic devices, such as computers, televisions, laptops, tablets, smartphones and wireless speakers.
- Do not place any of these items into your recycling, yard waste or trash carts or dumpsters! Deliver batteries, household chemicals and electronics to one of Orange County’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. These items are accepted at no charge for Orange County residents. For additional details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous) or call **714.834.6752**.
- You can also drop off batteries at the Garden Grove City Hall and the Garden Grove Police Department lobby between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [Call2Recycle.org](https://call2recycle.org) for additional drop-off locations.

Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday
(closed on major holidays and during rainy weather)

Locations:

1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806

17121 Nichols Ln., Gate 6, Huntington Beach, 92647

6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine, 92618

32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano, 92675

What Do I Do With Old Paint?

Oil-based paint is considered hazardous waste and should be delivered to one of the Orange County HHW Collection Centers. Latex paint is not hazardous. However, liquid paint cannot go into your trash cart. Here are a couple options for proper disposal of paint:

- Recycle paint through California’s Paint Care program. For locations and other details, visit PaintCare.org.
- Deliver paint to one of the Orange County HHW Collection Centers. For locations and hours, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous).

Recycling

Paper & Cardboard



Metal Cans

 Dishes & Mirrors
 Carpet & Rugs
 Hazardous Waste
 Garden Hoses
 Tires & Car Parts
 Toys

 Clothing & Bedding
 Construction Waste
 Appliances
 Furniture
 Diapers & Pet Waste

 Yard & Food Waste
 Plastic Bags & Styrofoam™



- Independence Day – Saturday, July 4, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2026 (service delayed one day)
- New Year's Day – Friday, January 1, 2027 (service delayed one day)



Republic Services is always looking for talented, hardworking employees. If you would like to stay close to home and advance in a well-paying career, consider joining our team. Available jobs in our region include drivers, equipment operators, mechanics, shop technicians, material sorters, laborers, customer service specialists, dispatchers, recycling coordinators, sales representatives, office support staff members and more. To see and apply for open positions, visit [RepublicServices.jobs](https://www.RepublicServices.jobs).



To further reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 required that certain California businesses recover or rescue 20% of surplus edible food to feed people in need by 2025. The law directs food-generating businesses to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would recovery organization, and maintain records of their food donation activities for review upon inspection or request by designated agency staff. All affected edible food generators, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, as well as some cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply.

Locally, Abound Food Care (formerly known as Waste Not OC), a partnership of nonprofits, public agencies and private businesses, is working with Republic Services and the Garden Grove Sanitary District to ensure that surplus food feeds hungry people in our community. Abound Food Care provides system-wide solutions to help food generators channel excess edible food to communities rather than landfills. By reducing food insecurity and food waste, we are improving the health of our communities and the environment. Visit Aboundfoodcare.org to learn more.

Trash

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Diapers & Pet Waste

Plastic Bags & Wrap

Toys

Clothing & Bedding

Garden Hoses

Dishes & Mirrors

Non-Recyclable

Three categories of waste that are not accepted for curbside pickup are shown, each with a red 'X' icon:

- Recyclables:** Includes plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, and metal cans.
- Yard & Food Waste:** Includes autumn leaves and food scraps.
- Hazardous Waste:** Includes a blue bleach bottle, a light bulb, and batteries.



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Republic Services

Collection Service, Billing,
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Household Hazardous Waste
714.834.6752

Residential Motor Oil Collection
800.449.7587

Public Works Related Issues
714.741.5375

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