

# Commercial Organics Recycling is Here in Lakewood!

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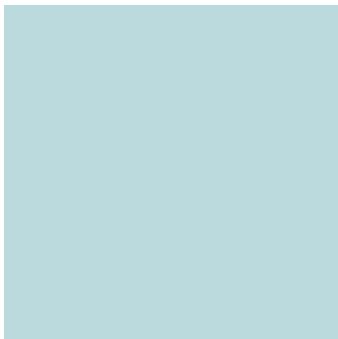
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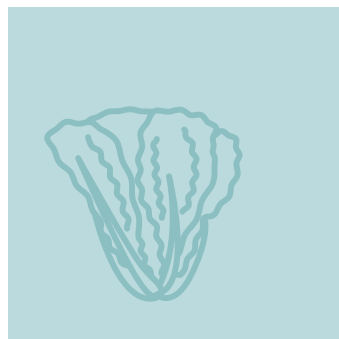


EDCO's New Organics Recycling Program Collects Food Scraps and/or Landscape Waste Commingled Together in a Designated Organics Container

## ORGANICS RECYCLING



Separating **organics** - food scraps and landscape waste - helps our environment.



# Organics Recycling is Here!

**On January 1, 2022, EDCO's New Organics Recycling Program Started Collecting Food Scraps Separately or Mixed Together with Landscape Waste in a Green Organics Container**

## Organic Waste



Organic waste is a renewable natural resource. It mainly comes from yard and kitchen waste from homes, and food waste and scraps from industrial and commercial operations. Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step to achieving California's Zero Waste goals.

Recycling organics will be easy and convenient with EDCO's commingled Organics Recycling program. EDCO has expanded source-separated green waste

collection to include the recycling of food waste. The service will allow customers to place food scraps in the same container as green waste. EDCO's new Organics Recycling program will be a foundation for your community to achieve state mandates, including AB 1826, AB 1594, and SB 1383, which are directly related to organic recycling in the State of California.

## Why Recycle Food Waste?



Organic waste accounts for over 40% of the material in California's waste stream. Organic material cannot break down when buried in a landfill, as it would in nature or in a compost pile because it decomposes without oxygen, releasing methane gas into the atmosphere. In an organics recycling program, organic waste is recycled into valuable compost or mulch used for soil restoration, or it can be recycled by anaerobic digestion, producing nutrient-rich biofertilizer, renewable energy, and even fuel.



By recycling food waste, you are extending valuable landfill space, which also reduces CO2 emissions and preserves our environment!

# From Green Container to Compost



EDCO will collect organics from your green container and transport it to a local composting facility.



The material is placed in large piles, where microorganisms begin to break it down and heat up the piles to very high temperatures.



After about 12 months, the material breaks down and is transformed into an earthy, soil-like material called compost.



Compost is used to fertilize plants, gardens, and other outdoor areas.

## California State Mandates

With mandatory recycling deadlines on the horizon, EDCO's Organic Recycling program will allow the City of Lakewood to meet compliance mandates including AB 1826, AB 827, AB 1594, and SB 1383, which are directly related to organic recycling in the State of California.

**AB 1826**

Requires businesses that generate organic waste to arrange for recycling services for that waste, and for jurisdictions to implement a recycling program to divert organic waste from businesses subject to the law, as well as report to the State of California on their progress in implementing an organic waste recycling program.

**AB 827**

Requires commercial generators subject to AB 1826 to provide customers with recycling containers inside their place of business for the convenience of recycling.

**AB 1594**

As of January 1, 2020, the use of green material as alternative daily landfill cover (ADC) will no longer constitute diversion through recycling and will instead be considered disposal.

**SB 1383**

Establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20% of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.

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# What Will Go in the Organics Container?



Organic waste (also referred to as organics), which includes food waste, off-spec or manufactured by-products from food manufacturing, distribution, or retail, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste, can be placed separately or commingled in an organics container.

Below are just a few examples of what will be able to be placed in your organics container.

## Food Scraps

Fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, egg shells, prepared food



## Food-Soiled Paper

Napkins, tea bags, paper plates, coffee filters



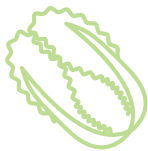
## Yard Waste

Plants, leaves, branches, grass



# Get the Most Out of Organics Recycling

EDCO is committed to assisting businesses and multifamily properties implement organics recycling. EDCO will provide free, onsite visits to help you comply with the state's mandatory recycling requirements, which would also include a review of your current trash and recycling services, and help determine the best organics program for you. When EDCO's organics recycling program is implemented, high-volume generators may reduce trash container sizes and/or collection frequency by diverting organic materials into designated organics containers.

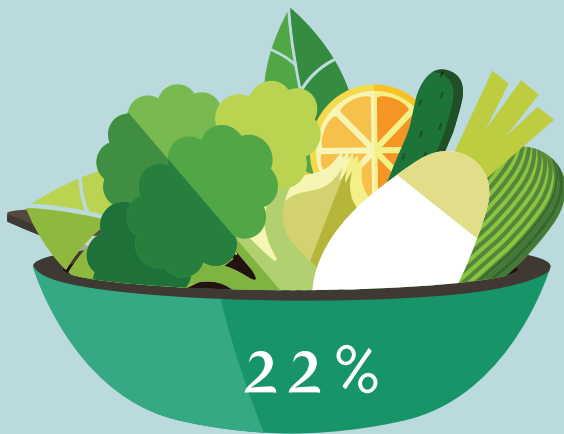


## What Can You do Now?

Food Finders is a non-profit food recovery organization with the mission of eliminating hunger and food waste while improving nutrition in food-insecure communities. This supports pantries, shelters, agencies, missions and more within a large part of the Southern California region. Food Finders coordinates all logistics of picking up and distributing your donated food, delivering same-day to a partner agency within your local area. No amount of food is too small or too big, whether it's perishable, nonperishable or prepared food. To learn more, call (562) 283-1400 or visit [foodfinders.org](http://foodfinders.org).



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The EPA estimates that more food reaches landfills than any other single material in our everyday trash, constituting 22 percent of discarded municipal solid waste. Adding food waste to EDCO's Organics Recycling program will help reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills and lower Green House Gas (GHG) emissions released into our environment.

#### **Questions?**

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