Bay View Refuse & Recycling Service

Kensington Newsletter

As your service provider, Bay View Refuse Service understands the critical role our service provides in relation to maintaining a safe and healthy community.

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Food Waste and SB1383 — New Carts, Same Service!

Now that Kensington residents have their new carts, the food waste program is underway!

What do these regulations mean for residents?

In Kensington residents have been recycling, separating yard waste for years—thank you! State statute ***"SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants"*** requires residents statewide to manage their waste. **Recyclables and Organics may not be disposed of in the Trash (Landfill) and must be sorted for recycling and/or composting.**

Why is it important (and better for the environment) to sort OUR waste?

Sorting recyclable and organic waste is an easy way to combat climate change. Our landfills are reportedly the third largest source of methane emissions in California. When buried in landfills, organic waste emit 20% of the state's methane (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) and air pollutants like Particulate Matter (PM2.5) contributes to health conditions like asthma.

Organic waste makes up half of what Californians send to landfills. The items placed in the trash are sent directly to the landfill; and are not sorted—which is why it's so important to sort waste into the correct cart. Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills has a direct impact on the current climate crisis, and can create healthier air for all of us to breathe.

What happens to OUR organic waste we collect?

In an effort to be more sustainable, we haul the food scraps, food-soiled papers and yard trimmings collected to a local composting facility where the material is turned into nutrient-rich compost! Get some finished product. **A tentative date of Saturday, May 21st, Kensington Community Center parking lot. You can pick up** this compost. Bring your own cans/ bags. 10:00am to 2:00pm.

What "Food Scraps" go into my Green Cart?

Food scraps include: meat and bones, dairy, bread, fruits and vegetables, peels, pits, cobs, coffee grounds, food-soiled paper, paper towels, napkins, paper cups, paper egg cartons and pizzeria boxes (no frozen or refrigerated food boxes).

- When placed in the green compost cart, the combination of yard trimmings, food scraps and food-soiled paper combined is called compost or organics.
- Use compostable bags*, newspaper, or paper bags for bagging food scraps to absorb liquids and keep things clean. No plastic trash bags or "compostable" plastic food ware. *Compostable BioBag® brand bags are ok and available at hardware stores and retailers like Target and Costco.

Helpful Hints for Our Neighbors:

- **Having problems with animal scavenging?** Secure the Cart lid! Bungee cords work well on the carts.
- **Set your carts out early in the morning** (rather than the night before) while critters are resting.
- **Freeze the scraps**, a customer suggested tip before placing in the Cart for collection (reduces odors which may attract animals).

- **Return carts** to your storage area after service; leaving carts at the curb can attract animals on a regular basis and helps keep the neighborhood tidy!

Kensington, we off to a good start with the compost program. There are other requirements that both the District and Bay View Refuse are responsible for such as route monitoring, public outreach and route reviews. We are committed to helping Kensington comply with these regulations and our staff wants to support our customers and we are happy to provide assistance and answer questions as needed.

Please call our office at 510-237-4614, email us info@bayviewrefuse.com or visit www.BayViewRefuse.com with questions.

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE USE!

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Where did your old carts and cans go?

Carts are picked up from households and taken to the Recycling facility.

They were baled in bundles and will ultimately be made into new garbage cans/carts.

Notify us to pick up your old cans/carts so they stay OUT of the landfill.

Questions regarding the new sorting procedures or SB 1383?
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