

TIPS TO REDUCE INSECTS AND ODORS

First and foremost, be sure to put your cart out for weekly service. Recology will empty whatever amount is there. And:

- Store your green cart in a cool, shady spot, and always close the lid.
- Keep your kitchen pail out of the sun or under the sink and rinse it after each use.
- Line the bottom of your green cart with newspaper, food-soiled paper, or yard waste (grass, leaves, sticks, flowers, plants).
- Freeze food scraps in a paper bag and dispose of it the night before your service day.



- Squirt lemon juice over the lid and handle. Wasps and flies don't like citrus juice.

- Sprinkle baking soda, apple cider vinegar, or a favorite essential oil inside the cart.
- After collection, rinse your organics cart with diluted vinegar and let it air dry for about an hour before closing the lid and storing it.



PROPER SETOUT FOR GREEN CART

Place all organic materials loosely inside the green cart. No plastic or compostable bags. If you feel the need to bag your organics, use an uncoated paper bag.

Drain all sauces and liquids from your organics.

If you have a kitchen pail, put all food scraps from your pans and plates into it. Use it to transport materials to the green organics cart.

Single-family residents should place their organics carts at the curb on their designated collection day.



Going green

State law SB 1383 requires all residents and businesses to keep food scraps, plants, and food-soiled paper out of landfills.

This guide makes going green easy. It shows single-family and multifamily residents what items are collected for composting, how to reduce odors and pests, and the best way to use your green cart.

Learn more at
[Recology.com/Vallejo](https://www.recology.com/Vallejo)
707.552.3110



ALL HAIL THE KITCH PAIL

Using a receptacle in the kitchen for food scraps makes it easier to transport them into your green collection cart for composting.

Upon request, Recology will provide one free compost kitchen pail to a single-family household and each unit of a multifamily building.



Call us at **707.552.3110** to get a free compost pail for your kitchen counter.

Residents of multifamily buildings should contact their property manager to get a kitchen pail and find out where the complex's organics cart is located.

Recology offers free, on-site training to property managers and staff on proper sorting procedures. We also have sorting guides and labels for all residential and commercial customers at no additional cost.

SORTING GUIDE



UNACCEPTABLE

If the items listed below are found in the organics cart, it is considered to be contaminated.

A contamination charge will apply to service organics cart as trash.

To avoid contamination charges, be sure to put only food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard waste into your green bin.

NO:

- Bio-degradable/ Compostable plastics
- Plastic bags
- Oil
- Liquids or soupy foods
- Waxed/coated paper and cardboard
- Feces
- Cat litter
- Diapers
- Dirt
- Rocks
- Palm fronds, oleanders