

Compost & Recycling Ambassador Program

Spring 2026 Session – Week 4

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**Waste Reduction Strategies,
Food Waste Prevention, and
LB Organics Collection Program**

Week 4 Objectives

- To learn about strategies that will help you reduce waste in your personal life.
- To become familiar with thoughtful consumption and planned obsolescence.
- To understand how we can save money when we reduce food waste.
- To gain the confidence to show others why they should participate in the Residential Organics (Green bin) Collection Program.



A quick review on class norms

What are some rules around class etiquette that we all want to share?

We want to respect and value everyone's learning experience!

1. Let the presenter finish their thought
2. Write down your questions for Q&A moments
3. Be mindful of shared airtime
4. Connect comments to the current topic
5. Use the "Parking Lot" poster for off-topic questions or ideas
6. Respect the group's learning time

Any others we would like to add as a group?

Today's Agenda

March 12, 2026



1. Icebreaker and Assignment Review
2. Waste Reduction Strategies
3. Food Waste Prevention
4. Bin Monitoring
5. Long Beach Organics Collection Program
6. Guest Speaker from Algalita

Discuss in groups of 3-4 for about 5 minutes

Household Hazardous Waste Audit

- Which household products did you find that were potentially hazardous?
 - What helped you identify the household product's toxicity level?
- Did you start to create your own Green Cleaning Kit?

Thinking about today's topics:

- What are some of the biggest challenges or obstacles you face when trying to reduce waste? (always forgetting your straw or utensils, limited purchasing options, not enough motivation, always feeling anxious to say no, etc.)

HHW Audit



Caution
(least)



Warning



Danger
(most)

Weekly Giveaway





Explore your bins as a team:

Backyard Compost Bins

- Maintain your bins
- Take note of the current status of the bin



Worm Bins

- Maintain your worm friends!
- Take note of the current status of the bin

**Make sure to complete the monitoring sheet*

Intro to Bin Monitoring

Backyard and Vermicomposting Group Activity

Group 1: Backyard Bin (Soil Saver)	Group 2: Backyard Bin (Earth Machine)	Group 3: Backyard bin (Tumbler)	Group 4: Worm bin (Can-o-Worms)	Group 5: Worm bin (Can-o-Worms)
Benjamin	Edward	Kathryn "Taffy"	Griffin	Lori
Erin	Paul	Jenny	Tristan	Grace
Joel	Teodora	Francy	Wendy	Owen
Lynn	Anna	Sanghak	Vanessa	Kerry
			Elena	Margaret
			Amalia	Elizabeth
			Janay	



Waste Reduction Strategies

Strategies for Reducing Waste

Why is it important to reduce waste?

What can we do as individuals?

- Avoid buying unnecessary items
- Prioritize borrowing items or purchasing secondhand
- Join a community led share event or website
- Refuse single-use items whenever possible
- Buy in bulk or items with less packaging



City of Long Beach's Waste Reduction Efforts

Policy

- Long Beach Polystyrene Ordinance
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Support waste reduction legislation
- Special Events waste handling

Education Campaigns

- Recycle Right LB
- Foam Free LB
- Bring Your Own LBC

Community Programs

- Compost & Recycling Ambassador
- Long Beach Reuses Coalition
- Long Beach Fixit Clinics



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RECYCLES



SB 54: Single Use Packaging and Plastic

By 2032:

- Cut 25% of single-use packaging and plastic food ware
- Recycle 65% of single-use packaging and plastic food ware
- Make 100% of single-use packaging and plastic food ware recyclable or compostable
- 4% increase in reuse and refill infrastructure
- **EPR law requiring a Producer Responsibility Organization**
- **Establishes a \$5 billion Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund**
- **CalRecycle finalizing regulations by 2027**
- **Producer Responsibility Organization finalizing PRO plan**



Reducing Waste: Reuse

What is reuse?

Why it's important to choose to reuse?

- ✓ Conserves natural resources
- ✓ Creates less pollution than recycling or making new products
- ✓ Less waste to manage (recycle or compost)
- ✓ Money saving opportunities
- ✓ Encourages better consumer habits



Strategies to Reduce Waste: Reuse

Reduce single-use items by bringing your own reusables!

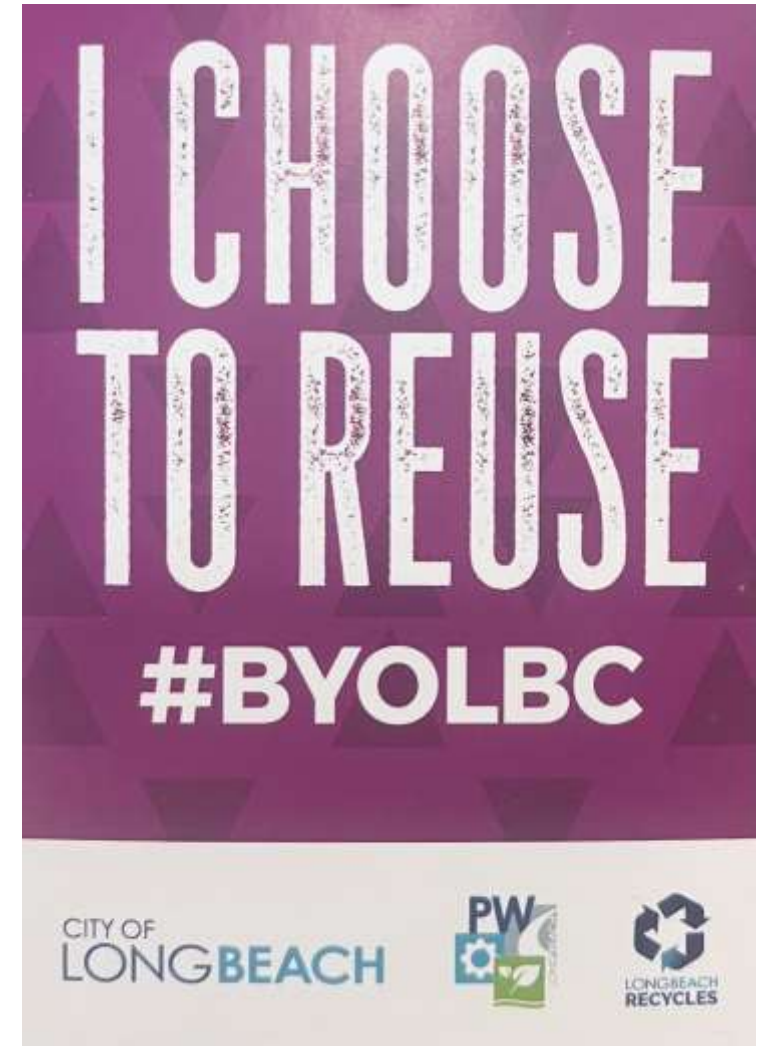
- Grocery bags
- Produce bags
- Coffee/ beverage cups
- Utensils
- Takeout/To-Go containers



Launching Reuse in Long Beach

Bring Your Own LBC Campaign (BYOLBC)

- Informed about the benefits of reuse
- Provided reusables to residents



Re-Launching Reuse in Long Beach

Education efforts

- Website
- Social Media
- EcoGuide
- LB Recycler
- Tabling
- Education Goals
- Collaborations

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN No. 20230426

AB 619: RETAIL FOOD: REUSABLE CONTAINERS: MULTIUSE UTENSILS

California Assembly Bill 619 was passed in July 2019 allowing reusable food containers to be refilled by either the owner/operator of a food facility or the consumer. Consumers may supply their own reusable containers and facilities may accept returned containers from consumers for reuse. The bill also allows Temporary Food Facilities to use multiuse utensils when approved by the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Environmental Health.



This new law allows consumers to bring reusable containers to a food facility to be filled, provided certain conditions are met. Clean consumer-owned containers may be filled by an employee, or the customer provided the food facility meets three requirements:

- Food facility is required to prepare, maintain, and adhere to written procedures that addresses cross-contamination prevention and wastewater disposal.
- Consumer-owned containers must be isolated from the serving surface, or the surface must be sanitized after each filling.
- Food facility shall ensure compliance with handwashing requirements specified in California Retail Food Code.

Previously California Retail Food Code required that only single-use utensils be provided to the consumer. This section has been amended to allow temporary food facilities to use multiuse utensils where conditions are approved for washing and sanitizing in the temporary food facility or at an approved permanent food facility.

Reducing Waste: Reuse

LB Reuses Coalition Formation

Partner organizations:

- Upstream Solutions
- Algalita Marine Research & Education
- Ethikli Sustainable Market
- Bring Your Own Long Beach
- City of Long Beach

Mission: To reduce single-use plastic and overall waste by activating reuse initiatives through engagement, advocacy, and collaboration.

Website: LBcity.info/LBReuses



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RECYCLES



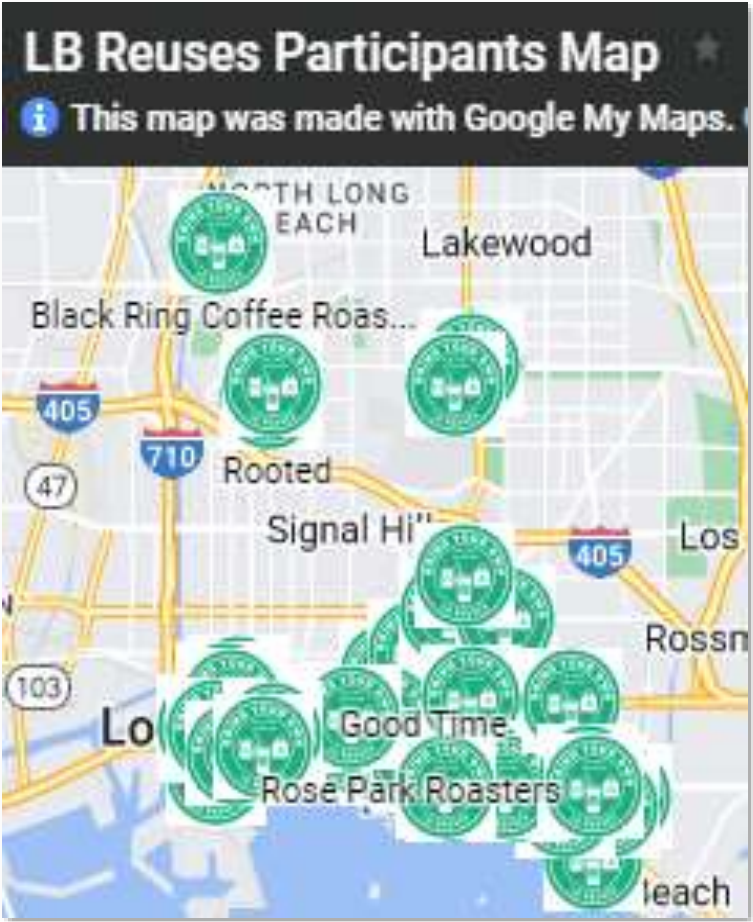
Reducing Waste: Choose to Reuse Initiative

Choose to Reuse Initiative

- 60+ Local Businesses
- Optional Sticker
- Google Map Listing



LB REUSES STICKER



Google Map Listing



Reducing Waste: BYO Month

BYO (Bring Your Own) Month

- Bring your own reusable cup, container, or bag to reduce single-use waste
- Collect stamps
 - Participating businesses
 - Special events
- Submit stamp card
 - Win prizes
 - Contribute to waste reduction



BYO MONTH PROMO POST

Reducing Waste: BYO Month

BYO Month Stats	BYO Week 2023	BYO Month 2024	BYO Month 2025
Participating Businesses	19	14	20
Special Events	5	17	9
Stamp Cards Submitted	18	22	63
Online Engagement	974	22,000	54,500




BYO WEEK IN LONG BEACH STAMP CARD ALL WEEK LONG! SEPT 29 - OCT 7

COLLECT 4 STAMPS ENTER TO WIN A SET OF REUSABLES!

COLLECT 8 STAMPS ENTER TO WIN A GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL BIZ!

COLLECT 12 STAMPS ENTER TO WIN A SKATEBOARD + ACTIVITY SET!

Join LB Reuses for our first-annual BYO Week! Bring your own cup, bag, or container to participating businesses and attend events to be entered to win prizes! Email any questions to us at lbreuses@gmail.com.



BRING YOUR OWN BYO MONTH OCT 1-31

Reduce waste, practice bringing your own, support local businesses, connect at free events, and Be entered to win prizes with LB Reuses!

Collect 5 stamps Enter to win a set of reusables

Collect 10 stamps Enter to win a stainless steel Bento box

Collect 15 stamps Enter to win a gift card to a local business

Follow us on Instagram @LBReuses
Please email any questions to LBReuses@gmail.com



BYO MONTH STAMP CARD

Collect stamps when you bring your reusable cup, bag, or container to participating businesses and attend special events for a chance to WIN a prize with LB Reuses!

1 stamp = 1 entry for a prize

Start your reuse journey!

You've got this, reuse champion!

Thank you for joining the reuse movement!

Keep going! You're reducing waste in Long Beach!

You're a local reuse legend!

Goals and Results

Goal: reduce 1,000 pieces of single-use disposable waste

Measurement	Total
Stamp Cards Submitted	63
# of Stamps	478
Visual Aid	753



Reducing Waste: Long Beach Fixit Clinic

What is repair?

Why is it important to attempt to repair?

- ✓ Conserves natural resources
- ✓ Creates less pollution than recycling or making new products
- ✓ Less waste to manage (recycle or compost)
- ✓ Money saving opportunities
- ✓ Encourages better consumer habits



Reducing Waste: Long Beach Fixit Clinic

Teaching the community how to attempt fixing instead of disposing and buying new.

Partner organizations: Algalita, LB Reuses, LB Time Exchange, Pedal Movement



Accepted Items:

- Electronics
- Bicycles
- Small appliances
- Clothes
- Toys
- Jewelry

Items NOT Allowed:

- Smart TVs
- Cell phones
- Large appliances
- Electronic screen repairs
- Printers
- Tablets, Computers



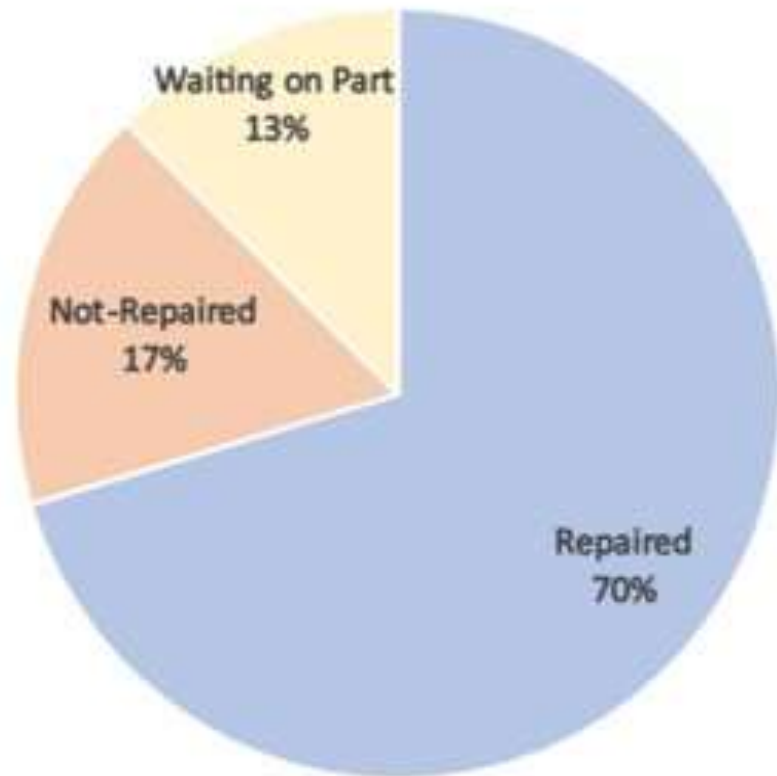
Long Beach Fixit Clinics

Date & Location	# of Volunteers	# of Attendees	# of Fixed Items	Diversion (pounds)
June 2024: EXPO Arts Center	20	57	36	389
August 2024: Trademark Brewing	25	61	41	496
October 2024: Burnett Library	18	78	57	965
February 2025: Sports Basement	25	65	56	247
April 2025: Sports Basement	20	73	47	386
July 2025: Sports Basement	31	74	54	250
October 2025: Sports Basement	33	89	66	437
TOTALS	172	497	357	3,170

Reducing Waste: Long Beach Fixit Clinic

LB Fixit Clinics Repair Rates

Repair Rates of Long Beach Fixit Clinics



Next Fixit Clinic:

Saturday, April 25

12 - 3 p.m.

Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library

Reducing Waste: Textile Recycling/Repurposing

What is repurposing?

Why is it important to repurpose and recycle?

- ✓ Conserves natural resources
- ✓ Creates less pollution than recycling or making new products
- ✓ Less waste to manage (recycle or compost)
- ✓ Money saving opportunities
- ✓ Encourages better consumer habits

Next textile collection event – TBD!



Waste Reduction Strategies

Questions?





Food Waste Prevention

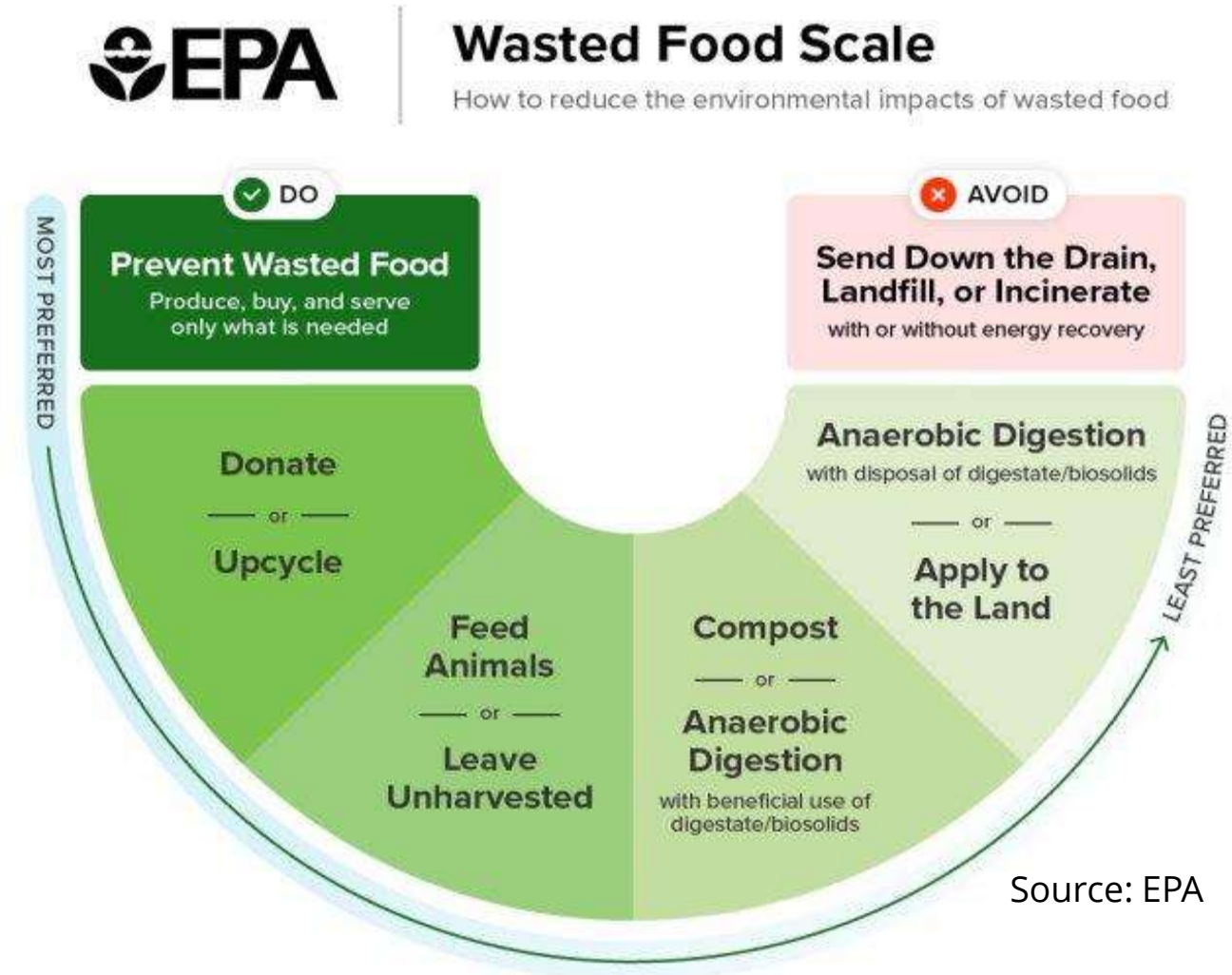
Food Waste Prevention

What is Food Waste?

Food waste refers to food such as plate waste (i.e., food that has been served but not eaten), spoiled food, or peels and rinds considered inedible.

The EPA's Wasted Food Scale prioritizes actions that prevent and divert wasted food from disposal.

Tiers of the scale highlight different pathways for preventing or managing wasted food, arranged in order from most preferred on the top left to least preferred on the top right.



Source: EPA

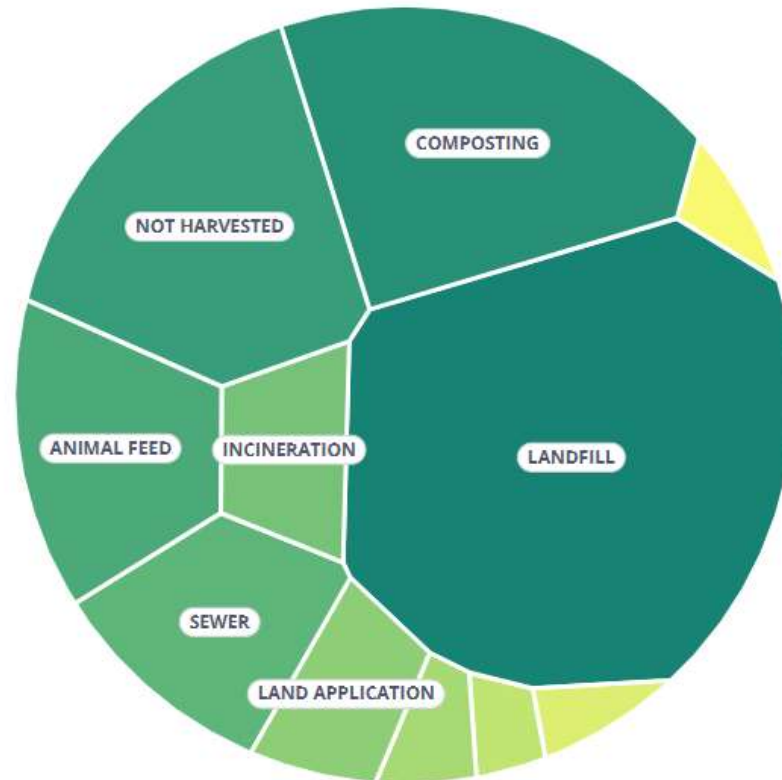
Food Waste Prevention

How much food is wasted per year in the U.S.?

91.2 million Surplus Food Tons were generated in **All Sectors** across **All States** in **2023**

Destinations Food Types Causes Sectors

- BACK
- Landfill**
32.4M Tons - 35.5%
- Composting**
16.2M Tons - 17.8%
- Not Harvested**
14.5M Tons - 15.9%
- Animal Feed**
8.3M Tons - 9.1%
- Sewer**
7.1M Tons - 7.8%
- Incineration**
4.14M Tons - 4.5%
- Land Application**
3.87M Tons - 4.2%
- Donations**



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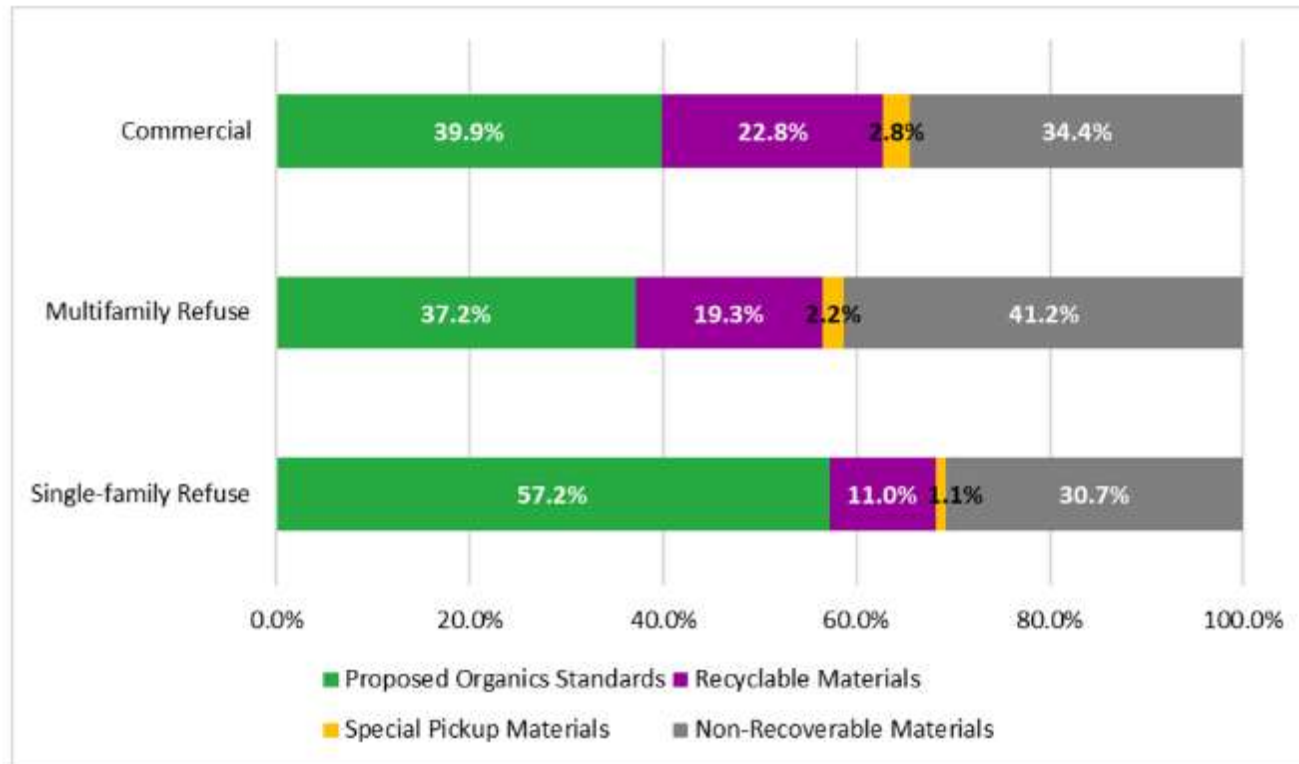
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Low High

Annual Impacts Equivalent to:



2019 Waste Characterization Study in Long Beach



Commercial: 39.9% organics

Multi-family: 37.2% organics

Single-family: 57.2% organics

Food Waste Prevention

Why is it important to reduce food waste?

- ✓ Increases food availability to those in need
- ✓ Reduces GHG emissions contributing to climate change from transportation
- ✓ Reduces pressure on soils, water use, and other finite resources
- ✓ Saves us money!!



Food Waste Prevention

Personal Tips to Prevent Food Waste

- ✓ **Be mindful when shopping for groceries**
 - Plan meals ahead, check for what you have first, make a grocery list
- ✓ **Find ways to use all the food you bring home**
- ✓ **Understand best storage methods**
- ✓ **Use your freezer to extend the life of food**
- ✓ **Understand what date labels mean**
- ✓ **Get creative and use all food parts**
- ✓ **Compost your remaining food scraps**



Food Waste Prevention

Properly Store Foods in the Fridge for Optimal Freshness

Top Shelf: ready-to-eat foods, leftovers, herbs

Middle Shelf: dairy, eggs, cheese

Bottom: poultry, fish, beef

Drawers: fruits and vegetables

Door: non-perishable goods, condiments, juice, soda

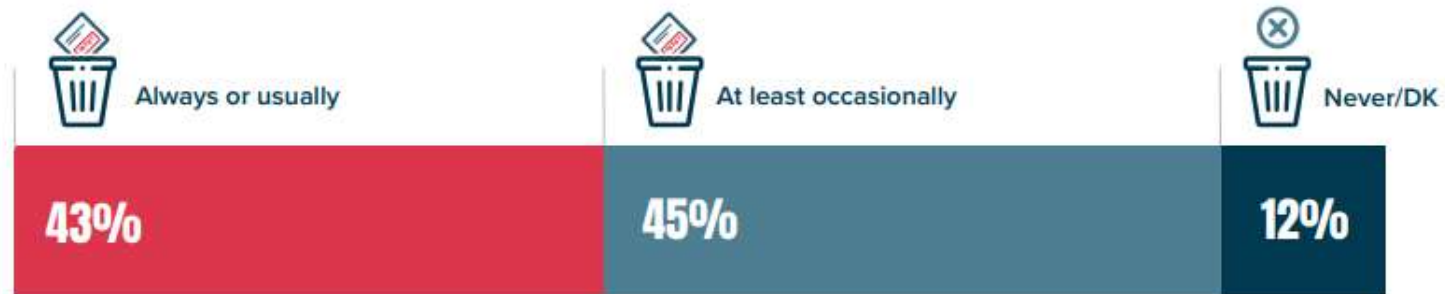
Freezer: Pre-prepared food, fruits and vegetables, bread, dairy, meats



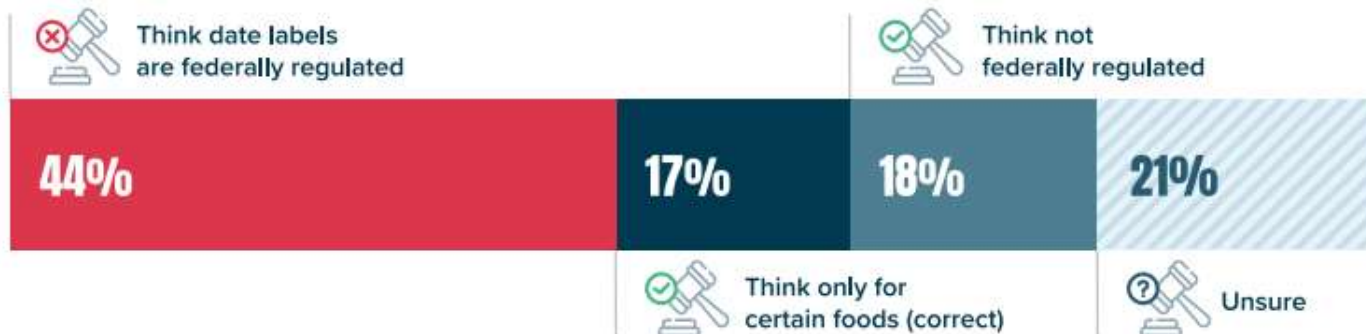
Food Waste Prevention

Understanding Date Labels on Food

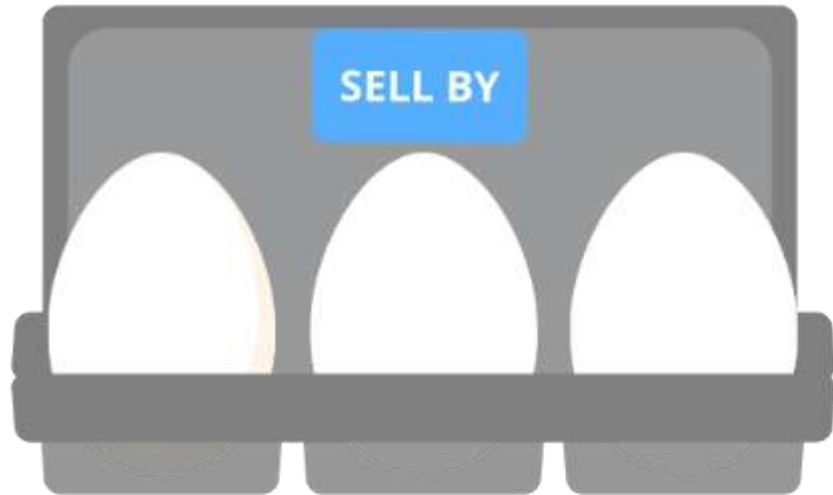
43% of Americans always or usually discard food close to or past the date on the package.



Percent of consumers who think food date labels are federally regulated.



Understanding Date Labels on Food



“Sell By”

Tells stores **how long to display** the product.

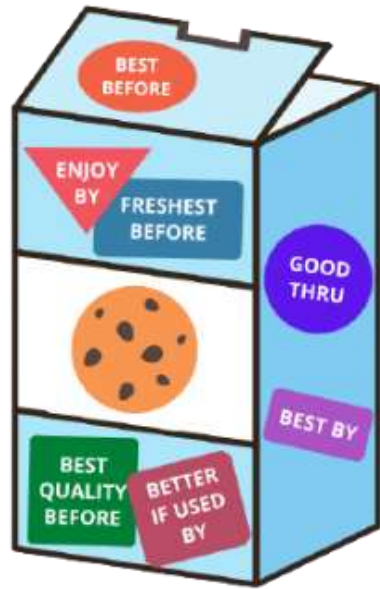


“Freeze By”

The last date when a product should be frozen to **maintain peak quality**.

Food Waste Prevention

Understanding Date Labels on Food



“Best Used By/Before”

When a product will be of **best flavor or quality.**



“Use By”

The last day recommended for **peak quality. Discard food after date.**

Food Waste Prevention

Questions?



Break Time

Let's take a 5-minute break!

Feel free to use the restroom,
go for a walk, or grab a drink
and snacks!



SB 1383 Overview & City-serviced Organics Collection



Organics Collection Program

Why did Long Beach get green carts? SB 1383

Purpose: To reduce methane pollution and other short-lived climate pollutants

- **SB 1383** passed in 2016 with a goal of reducing methane gas in California Landfills by diverting 75% of organics disposed in landfills by 2025
- Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps must be separated out into a third cart and taken to facilities where it will be processed into compost or into renewable energy that is put back on the grid
- This is *mandatory* for all California residents



Other important aspects of SB 1383

Food Recovery and Procurement

- Requires food businesses to donate maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise end up in the landfill
- Jurisdictions must meet annual organic waste product procurement goals by using compost through donation or land application
- Recycled-content paper procurement must also be met within jurisdiction departments.



Enforcement

- Route Reviews and annual inspections

Statewide standardization

- SB 1383 is standardizing cart colors across the entire state of CA

SB 1383: Collection Services Key Milestones

- 2021 – City Serviced Commercial Organics Pilot Program Began
- October 2021 – SB619 passed, providing guidelines for local jurisdictions
- February 15, 2022 – City Council unanimously approved the corrective action plan
- October 31, 2023 – Climate, Environmental, and Coastal Protection Committee
- February 6, 2024 – Comprehensive solid waste program update provided to City Council
- September 11, 2024 – Solid waste program update provided via memorandum
- October 2024 – First phase residential organics collection launched
- March 2025 – Cost of service hearing (Prop 218)
- June 2025 – Second phase residential organics collection began
- August 2025 – Third phase residential organics collection began
- October 2025 – Fourth and final phase of residential organics collection began

FOOD RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires certain businesses and government entities (defined as **Commercial Edible Food Generators**) to [donate their surplus edible food](#) to organizations that distribute it to community members in need. Feeding people is the best use for food that would otherwise go in the trash.

To learn if your business meets the SB 1383 definition of Commercial Edible Food Generator, navigate to the FAQ below.

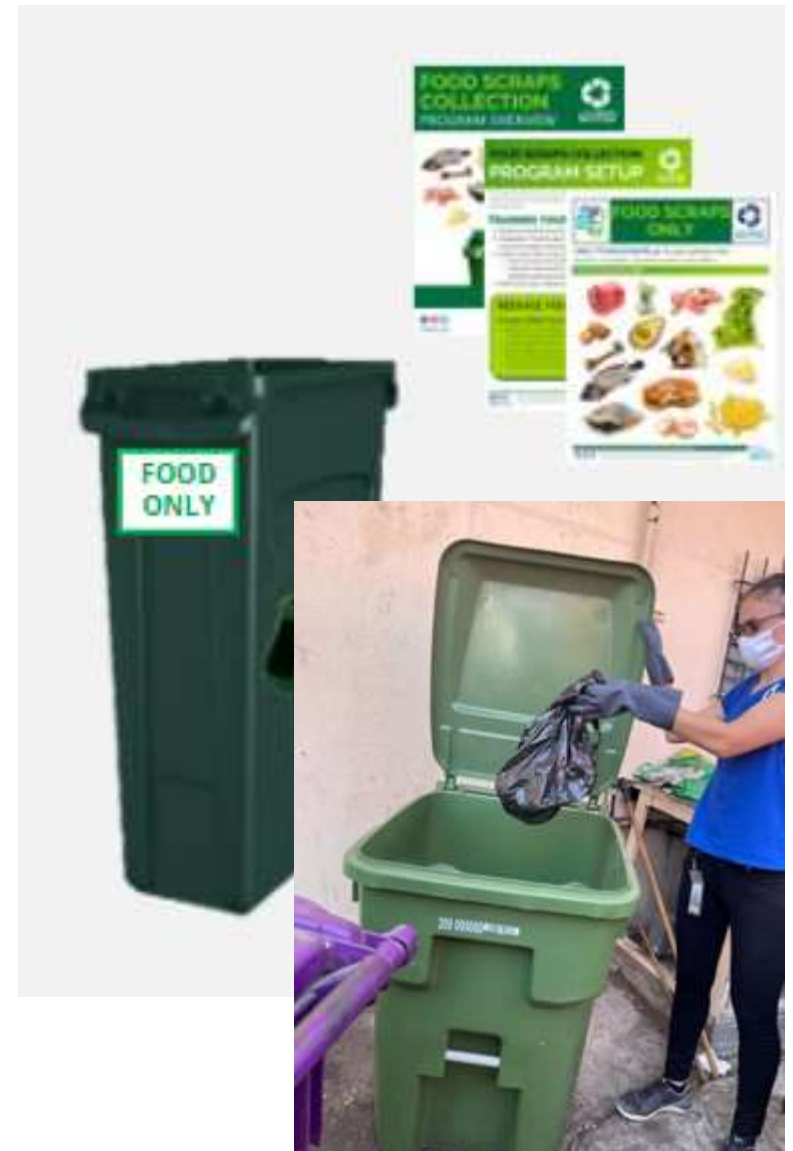
Food Recovery Requirements For Commercial Edible Food Generators

1. Recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed.
2. Arrange food recovery through a contract or written agreement with a food recovery organization or service that will either a) collect food for recovery and/or b) accept food that the business self-hauls.
3. Maintain records of food recovery including the following:
 - I. A list of each food recovery organization that receives the business's edible food.
 - II. A copy of all food recovery contracts or written agreements.
 - III. A record of the following for each food recovery organization or service that the business has a contract or written agreement with:
 - i. The name, address and contact information of the organization.

- Special Events
- Website Updates
- Online Reporting Mechanism
- Online list of Food Recovery Organizations

Commercial Organics Collection

- Pilot begins with 180 locations in June of 2021
- Expanded to all city-service commercial accounts in December of 2023
- Pilot Education & Outreach
 - City Staff provided hands on training to staff
 - Educational material
 - Hosted virtual trainings during phase 1
 - City staff also delivered:
 - One (1) indoor container
 - One (1) outdoor green collection cart
 - Initial roll of clear bags for lining carts
 - Tongs to remove contamination
- Monitoring and Follow Up Outreach



Residential Organics Collection

- Began rolling out October 2024 and was completed in October 2025.
- Rolled out in phases to ensure ability for City staff to manage increase calls, distribute educational materials, and ensure program success.
- Roll out went by service day.
- Robust education program including mailers, emails, press releases, cart tags, yard signs, website updates, social media, and more.
- Kitchen pail giveaways
- Presentations to neighborhood groups and by request.



*Contact us for a presentation or participation at an event.

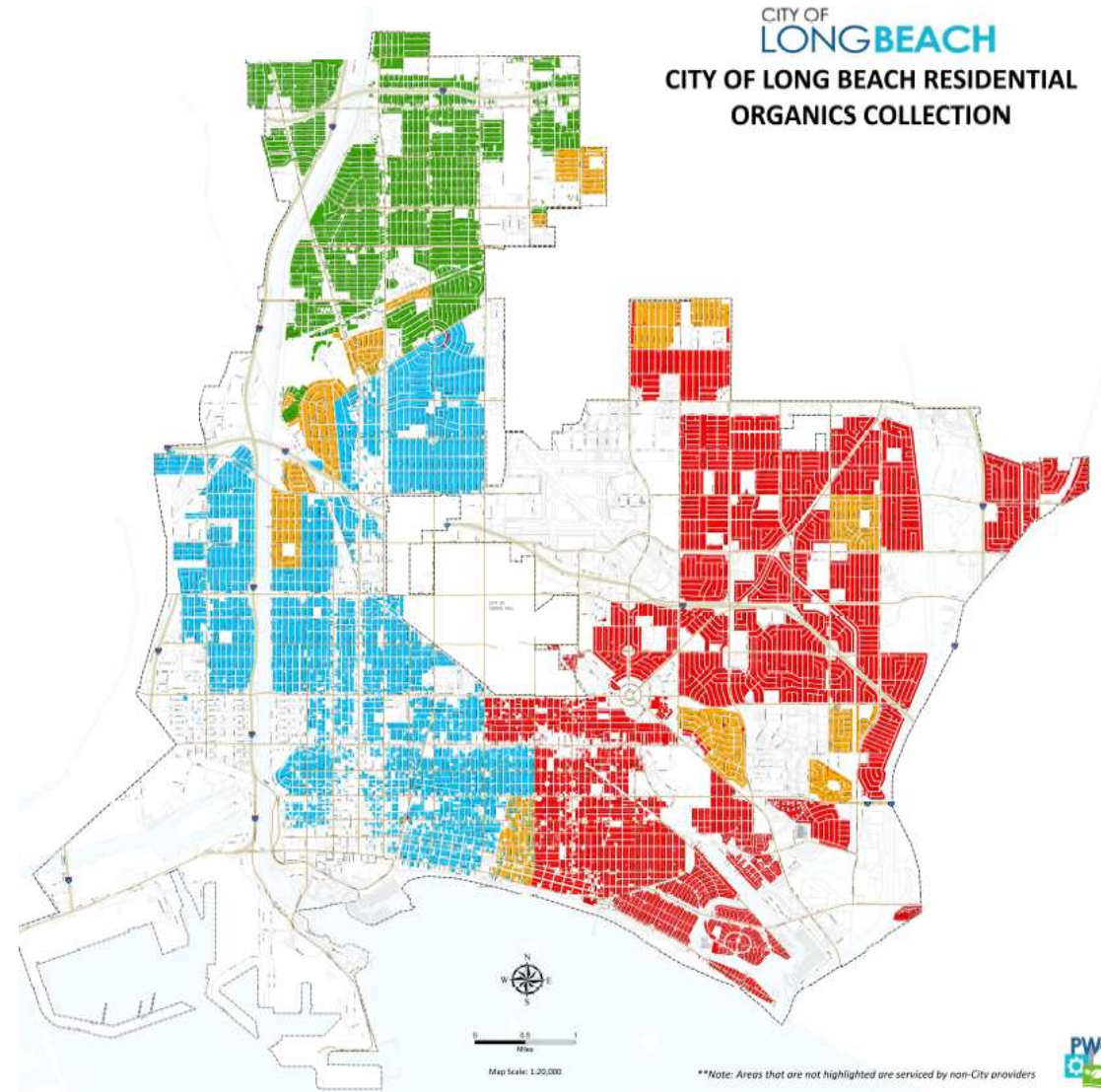
Residential Organics Rollout Timeline

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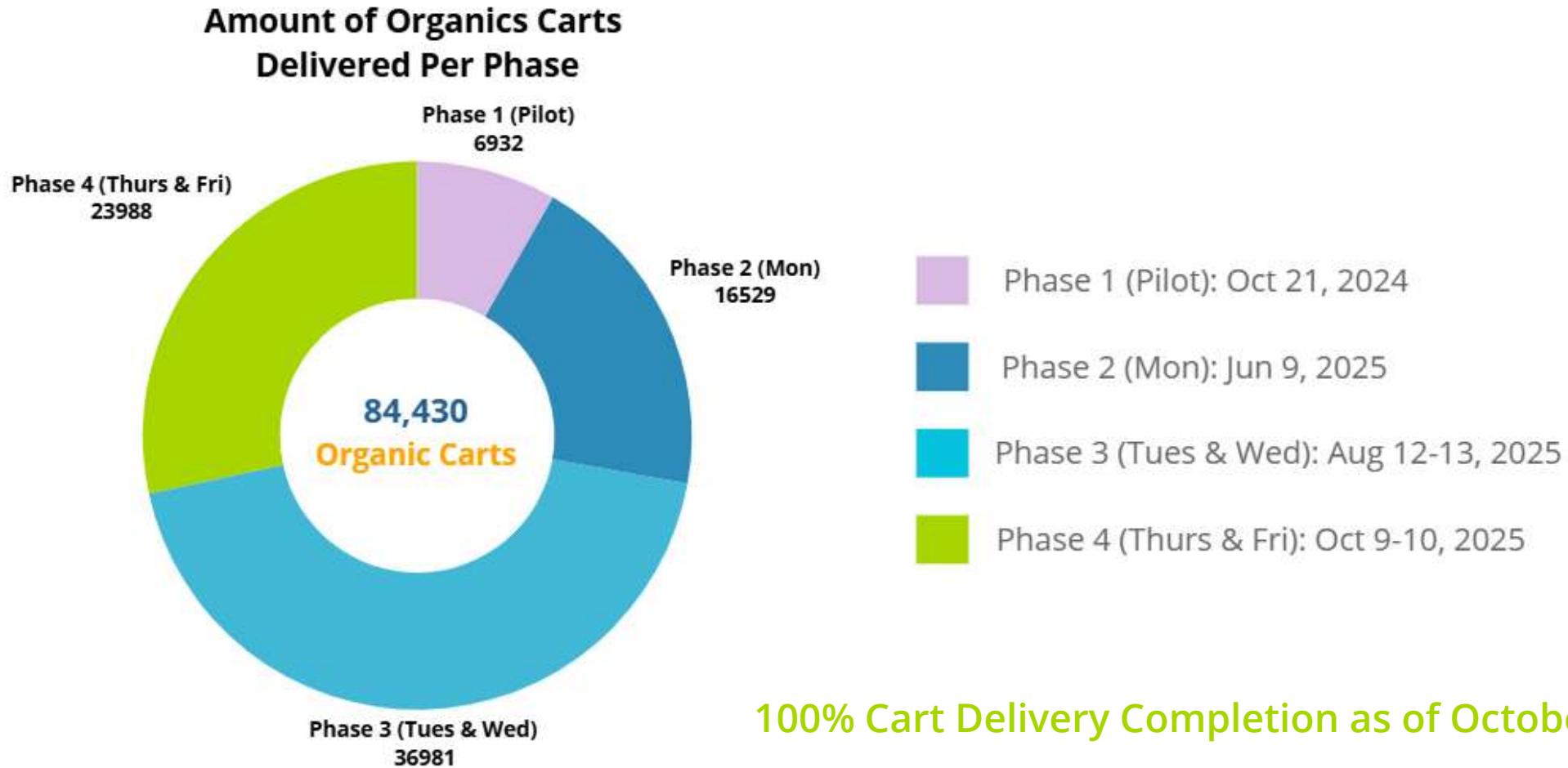
Legend

Rollout

- June 2025
- August 2025
- October 2025
- October 2024



Residential Organics Rollout



Residential Organics Collection Program

Outreach Efforts – Phases 1 through 3

Phase 1 (October 2024)

- **2,440 people reached** through door-to-door outreach
- **2,072 kitchen pails** distributed

Phase 2 (June 2025)

- **1,322 people reached** through events and presentations
- **893 kitchen pails** distributed

Phase 3 (August 2025)

- **1,012 people reached** through events and presentations
- **770 kitchen pails** distributed



Residential Organics Collection Program Educational Materials



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUREAU
2829 E. WILLOW ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90806-2383

PERMIT FIRST CLASS
LA POSTAGE PAID
LONG BEACH, CA
PERMIT NO. 4

Your new green cart for yard trimmings and food scraps will be delivered between 05/26 - 06/07

Su nuevo carrito verde para recortes de jardín y restos de comida se entregará entre 05/26 - 06/07



Scan the QR code or visit our website for more information, timely updates and tips!

¡Escanee el código QR o visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información, actualizaciones oportunas y consejos!

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What can I put in my green cart? ¿Qué puedo poner en mi carrito

Green cart service accepts yard trimmings, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. El servicio de carrito verde acepta recortes de jardín, restos de comida, y papel sucio de comida. A continuación se enumeran ejemplos de productos aceptados para mantener su carrito limpio. A continuación se enumeran ejemplos de productos aceptados para mantener su carrito limpio.

Please put these items in your green cart. Por favor coloque estos productos en su carrito verde.

FOOD SCRAPS / DESPERDICIOS DE COMIDA

- Meat and bones
- Eggs and shells
- Coffee grounds
- Pasta and grains
- Cheese and dairy
- Expired food
- Fruit and vegetables
- Carrots and husks
- Husks and cascaras
- Café molido
- Pasta & grains
- Queso y lácteos
- Comida caducada
- Frutas y verduras

YARD TRIMMINGS* / RECORTES DE JARDÍN

- Grass clippings
- Plant trimmings
- Leaves and twigs
- Recortes de pasto
- Recortes de plantas
- Hojas y ramitas

*No palm fronds or cactus. No hojas de palma o cactus.

Post this page on your fridge!

¡Coloque esta página en la puerta de su refrigerador!

Sort smart to help organics live a second life! ¡Clasifique de manera inteligente para ayudar a que el material tenga una segunda vida!

Only yard trimmings, food scraps, and food-soiled paper are accepted in green carts. No plastics, packaging, and other products, even if they are labeled compostable. En los carritos verdes sólo se aceptan recortes de jardín, restos de comida y papel sucio. Favor de retirar los plásticos, envases y otros productos, incluso si están etiquetados como compostables.

Please keep these items OUT of your green cart. Favor de mantener estos artículos FUERA de su carrito.

PALMS / CACTUS / PALMAS / CACTUS

Palm fronds and cactus break down too slowly, please put them in the trash. Las hojas de palma y los cactus se descomponen lentamente, tirelos a la basura.

PET WASTE / DESPERDICIO DE MASCOTAS

PRODUCTS LABELED COMPOST / PRODUCTOS ETIQUETADOS COMO COMPOST

BLACK PLASTIC BAGS / BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO NEGRO

FOOD LABELS, TIE BAGS / ETIQUETAS ALIMENTARIAS O EMPAQUE

Cart Placement Guidelines Reglas generales para la colocación del carrito

For curbside service / Para servicio en la acera

- Lids completely closed / Tapas completamente cerradas.
- Wheels facing the curb / Llantas volteadas hacia la acera.
- 2 ft. of space on all sides / 2 pies de espacio en todos los lados.

For alley service / Para el servicio de calle

- Lids completely closed / Tapas completamente cerradas.
- Behind service address / Detrás del domicilio y servicio.
- On a hard, level surface / En una superficie dura nivelada.

Post this page on your fridge!

¡Coloque esta página en la puerta de su refrigerador!

Green Cart Service: Important Information Servicio de carrito verde: Información importante

WHEN will I receive my new green cart? WHEN will I be billed? Your new green cart will be delivered between 05/26 - 06/07. Service will begin the week of June 9th, on the same day as your trash and recycling service. Billing for organics will begin no sooner than Aug 1, 2025, or once your service begins.

¿CUÁNDO recibirá mi nuevo carrito verde? ¿CUÁNDO me facturarán? Su nuevo carrito verde será entregado entre 05/26 - 06/07. El servicio comenzará la semana del 9 de junio, el mismo día de su servicio de basura y reciclaje. La facturación de orgánicos (carrito verde) comenzará después del 1 de agosto de 2025 o una vez que comience su servicio.

WHERE should I place my green cart for collection? Place your green cart out for service by 6 a.m. on the curb or in the alley where you place your trash and recycling carts.

¿DÓNDE debo colocar mi carrito verde para su recolección? Coloque su carrito verde para el servicio a las 6 a.m. en la acera o en el callejón donde coloca sus carritos de basura y reciclaje.

HOW can I report issues with my cart or service? Report a missed pickup or other collection issue at lbcity.info/ReportForm or call (562) 570-2876.

¿CÓMO puedo reportar problemas con mi carrito o servicio? Reporte una recolección perdida u otro problema en lbcity.info/ReportForm o llame al (562) 570-2876.

WHY is Long Beach introducing green cart service? California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires all jurisdictions to collect organics (like yard trimmings and food scraps) separately from trash to reduce short-lived climate pollutants, like methane gas, which are created when organics decompose in landfills.

¿POR QUÉ Long Beach está introduciendo el servicio de carrito verde? El Proyecto de Ley (SB) 1383 del Senado de California requiere que todas las jurisdicciones recolecten materia orgánica (como recortes de jardín y restos de comida) separados de la basura para reducir los contaminantes climáticos de vida corta, como el gas metano, que se crean cuando la materia orgánica se descompone en los vertederos.

longbeach.gov/LBOrganics
(562) 570-2876



General

- Centralized hub for online service and information
- Quick links to high demand request forms
- Simplified FAQ section

Online Forms

- Special pickups - [Request a Special Collection Form](#)
- Dumped items - [New Report](#)
- Cart exchanges - [Request A Trash Cart Form](#)
- Missed Pickups - [Report a Problem Form](#)

SERVICE REQUEST NAVIGATOR

To reduce customer service call center wait times and improve service, account holders are encouraged to use online request forms instead of calling:

- Requesting a special pickup: [Request a Special Collection Form](#)
- Reporting dumped items: [New Report Form](#)
- Requesting a cart exchange/replacement: [Request a Trash, Recycling, Organics Cart Form](#)
- Reporting a missed pickup after 6:00 PM on your collection day: [Report a Problem Form](#)

REFUSE COLLECTION 101



[View Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQS\)](#)

YARD TRIMMINGS & FOOD SCRAPS RECORTES DE JARDÍN Y RESTOS DE COMIDA

Yard Trimmings
Recortes de jardín



***No palm fronds, cacti, succulents, or large logs/stumps**



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Food Scraps

Restos de comida



***No oils or food packaging**



YARD TRIMMINGS & FOOD SCRAPS RECORTES DE JARDÍN Y RESTOS DE COMIDA

Food-Soiled Paper

Papel sucio con comida



***No waxy or plastic lined paper products**



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Palm Fronds, Cactus & Succulents

Hojas de palma, cactus y suculentas



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Diapers, Pet Waste & Litter

Pañales, excrementos de mascotas y arena



What is contamination?

Contaminants: Palm fronds, cactus, succulents, food ware & packaging, stickers, twist ties, pet & human waste, bioplastics or compostable plastics

Preparing organics for the green bin:

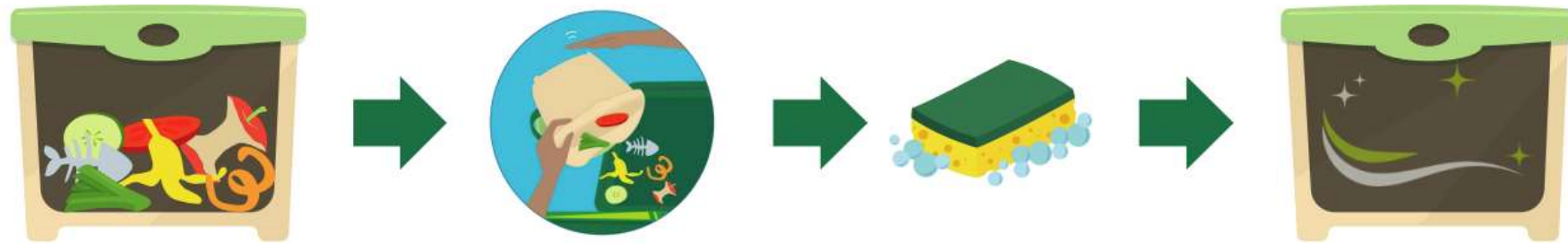
- Bags are not required for yard trimmings or food scraps



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Residential Organics Collection Program



Best practices for managing your food scraps

Residential Organics Collection Program

Residents receive information on how to best use a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps.



Food scraps are not trash!
Use a container to collect and carry your scraps to your green cart.

Thank you for not trashing me!



Step 1
Find a Kitchen Container
Repurpose a large container to collect kitchen food scraps.



Step 2
Container Storage
Store your container somewhere with easy access when prepping meals.



Step 3
Empty Food Scraps Into Your Green Cart
Empty your kitchen container into your green cart regularly, or store your container in the freezer and empty it before collection day.




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Thank you for not trashing me!



Step 1
Collect kitchen food scraps in your pail.



Step 2
Empty pail into your green cart.



Step 3
Clean and return pail to where you collect food scraps.



Tips

Keep Your Kitchen Container Clean
Try using a container that is dishwasher safe.
Clean your container after emptying food scraps into your green cart.

Line Your Kitchen Container
Use paper to line your container and wrap your food scraps to absorb liquids.

Keep Your Green Cart Clean
Line the bottom of your green cart with cardboard or used paper to absorb liquids.
or
Place yard trimmings in your green cart first before placing food




Collection Tips

Keep your pail nearby when preparing meals.

Use paper to line your pail and wrap your food scraps to absorb liquids.

Line the bottom of your green cart with cardboard or used paper to absorb liquids.
or
Place yard trimmings in your green cart first before placing food scraps into the cart.

This pail is dishwasher safe!
Clean your pail after emptying the contents into your green cart.
Store your pail somewhere accessible, such as on the counter, under the sink, or in




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RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS (GREEN CART) COLLECTION



The City of Long Beach's residential organics collection for City-served accounts is part of the State of California's mandatory Short-Term Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (SB 1383) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote waste reduction. SB 1383 aims to keep organic material out of landfills by diverting yard trimmings and food scraps into dedicated green carts.

For service information about addresses that do not receive service from the City, see the following pages:

- [Multifamily apartments, condos, & businesses serviced by a private hauler](#)

 <p>When will I see a cart?</p>	 <p>Collection Guidelines and Accepted Materials</p>	 <p>Report a Collection or Request a Cart Change</p>
 <p>Food Waste Prevention</p>	 <p>BARRIERS</p>	 <p>Frequently Asked Questions</p>

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Frequently Asked Questions by Residents

- Am I required to have a green cart, or can I opt-out?
- What if I don't fill it up every week?
- How can I keep my green cart clean?
- Where does the organic material end up?



Where does the Organic collection go?

The collection team takes the organics to one of three transfer stations we contract with:

- EDCO
- Republic
- Athens
- From the transfer stations they are taken to one of three industrial composting facilities:
 - [Recology Blossom Valley Organics](#)
 - [Sage Ranch Compost](#)
 - [American Organics Composting Facility](#)
- Yard trimmings and food scraps collected are recycled at composting facilities that produce soil amendments, materials added to soil to enhance and improve it.



Organics Collection Program

Questions?



Activity #4: Convincing our Communities

Directions:

With a partner, choose one of the prompts and convince the other person to do the same (must be different than your partner):

1. Explain to a resident what the best practices are when using a kitchen pail and the outdoor green bin (address their concerns).
2. Encourage a resident to collect their kitchen food scraps in a kitchen pail or other container and take them to their green cart each week for collection.
3. Explain ways to tell the service worker you don't need a single use item (straw, utensils, bags, etc.)
4. Encourage someone interested in gardening to attend a backyard composting or vermicomposting workshop to start composting at home.

Assignment #4

Assignment for next class

Fridge “Eat This First” Box



Step 1: Find a space in your fridge or pantry

- Find a location where it is highly visible and accessible.

Step 2: Affix the laminated “Eat This First!” sign to the front of your box or section.

Step 3: Start placing food items that are near their expiration date, so everyone knows to eat them first!

Take a picture of your Kitchen Pail Setup

Step 1: Find a container or use a kitchen pail

- Find a location where it is highly visible and accessible (preferably where you cook/eat).

Step 2: Start placing food scraps into the container that you will not be eating

Step 3: Use this container to transfer food scraps to your green bin



Field Trip to LB Community Compost

Next Class: Optional Field Trip on March 19

We will head to Willow Springs Park to visit LB Community Compost at the end of Week 5.

Address: 2714 California Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755 (about 6 mins from here)





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Questions for Emily?



Quote of the week:

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

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Thank you for an amazing session

Reach out if you have any questions, see you next Saturday!

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