

Newport Beach to Expand Residential Recycling

Changes in state law, City program take effect in 2022

IN 2016 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTED SENATE BILL 1383, which requires all cities to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills and improve the quality of recyclables headed for processing. The **City of Newport Beach** and its waste contractor, **CR&R Environmental Services**, are preparing to meet the new state mandates and implement other residential service improvements beginning in early 2022.



HERE'S HOW THE CHANGES WILL AFFECT NEWPORT BEACH HOUSEHOLDS:

#1 Mandatory Recycling Cart Separation

While more than 75% of Newport Beach households currently separate recyclables into blue-top carts, the practice has (until now) been voluntary. Under SB1383, recycling will become mandatory for all households throughout the state beginning in 2022. This fall CR&R has been distributing blue-top recycling carts to the remaining Newport Beach residences that do not have them. Please plan to place all clean recyclables in the blue-top carts to further help your community and the environment

#2 Collection Route Improvements

The City is developing a new contract with CR&R to cover the expanded recycling program. The new contract, which is expected to be presented to the City Council for possible adoption in November, proposes some collection route changes to increase efficiencies and reduce disruption to neighborhoods. If approved, the proposed route changes would reduce the total number of miles driven by collection trucks, reduce the total number of daily truck routes, decrease the number of left turns, and avoid high-traffic areas. This would reduce noise, traffic and air pollution from collection trucks. Some residents may have their collection days adjusted as a result, beginning around February 2022. The City and CR&R will notify residents in advance if your home will have trash and recycling collected on a different day of the week.

#3 Yard Waste and Food (Organics) Recycling

SB1383 also mandates residential recycling of organic waste, which include grass clippings, yard waste, food and kitchen scraps, and food-soiled paper. In January 2022, all Newport Beach households will receive a green-top cart for organic waste, as well as a two-gallon pail to collect organic materials in the kitchen. Please be on the lookout for green-top organic recycling carts, kitchen pails and organic recycling guides, which will be distributed after the holidays. The program is expected to collect more than 500 tons of organic materials a month, which would otherwise be sent to landfills, and convert it to high-quality compost. Because organic waste in landfills creates methane gas, the program will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 1,200 tons every year. CR&R will use split-body trucks for alley collection on the Peninsula, Balboa Island and Corona del Mar, which will reduce the need for additional truck trips by collecting recyclables and green waste at the same time.

#4 Additional Charges for Extra Service

All households will be allowed one trash cart, up to two recycling carts, and one organics cart at no additional charge (trash collection fees are paid entirely by the City, and residents pay a recycling fee that offsets the City's costs). Beginning in April 2022, any additional carts will be available for an extra charge, billed on a quarterly basis. Cart rollout service (where carts are moved to the street for collection by CR&R workers and returned empty) will also be available for an additional charge. Disabled residents will continue to receive cart rollout service for free with proof of disability. To help keep our streets and waterways clean, residents will be required to put all trash and recyclables in the proper carts without overfilling.

Under no circumstances should household hazardous waste (such as paints, cleaning products, light bulbs, batteries, or fertilizers) be placed in residential carts. For disposal of household hazardous waste or bulk items, call 877-728-0446 or visit www.crrwasteservices.com.

What Goes in the Carts?

Landfill

- Mixed Products (i.e. Plastic/Metal Combination)
- Waxed Milk Cartons
- Waxed Paper
- Coated Materials
- Ceramic/Pyrex
- Mirrors
- Safety Glass
- Plate Glass
- Pet Waste
- Dairy Products
- Paper Towels
- Tissue Paper
- Styrofoam
- Non-donatable Clothing
- Palm Fronds
- Plastic Bags



Recycling

- **METAL**
 - Empty Aerosol Cans
 - Aluminum Cans
 - Tin Cans
 - Food/Juice Cans
 - Empty Paint Cans
 - Aluminum Foil
- **PAPER**
 - Cardboard
 - Junk Mail
 - Magazines
 - Phone Books
 - Cereal/Cracker Boxes
 - Newspaper
 - Computer Paper & White Paper
 - Mixed Colored Paper
- **PLASTIC**
 - Drink Bottles
 - Detergent Containers
 - Water Bottles
 - Milk Containers

Do not place plastic bags in the recycling cart!



Organic Waste

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2022

- Grass
- Leaves
- Tree Branches
- Plants & Weeds
- Garden Trimmings
- Sawdust
- Food/kitchen scraps such as meat, poultry, fish, fruit and vegetables

