



City of Irvine Recycling News



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Brought to you by WM,
Irvine's residential waste service provider.

New Organic Waste Program is Here!

We appreciate your effort in separating your food waste! Please continue placing all your food and yard waste in your organics cart.

- **Meat, fish, poultry, and bones**
- **Dairy products**
- **Fruits and vegetables**
- **Bread, pasta, rice, and grains**
- **Eggshells**
- **Plate scrapings and minimal amounts of food-soiled paper**
- **Grass and yard clippings, leaves, and small branches**



If you're having a hard time adjusting to your new organics container, we would like to provide some frequently asked questions and tips and tricks that have helped other Irvine residents.

What happens to my organic waste?

When your organic waste is collected it gets sent to Tierra Verde Industries (TVI) located in Irvine, where it gets turned into compost.

Once the compost is complete, it gets distributed back to the community by landscapers or at one of our compost giveaways!

Why is separating organic waste necessary?

When organic waste such as yard waste or food waste gets buried at the landfill, the organic waste decomposes with no oxygen, releasing methane gas into our environment.

Methane gas is one of the most potent greenhouse gasses. These gasses trap heat in our atmosphere, contributing to our warming climate.

Senate Bill 1383 was passed to help reduce the amount of these climate pollutants being released throughout California. This is why it is so important to separate your food waste and yard waste from the trash.

How can I reduce odors and help keep my cart clean?

- **LAYER** your food and yard waste by placing yard waste or paper at the bottom of the organics cart. Then place food waste on top of the green waste to help absorb liquids and keep the cart clean.
- **FREEZE** your smelly organic items such as meat and dairy, then place them in the organics cart on your day of service to avoid odor and bugs.
- **SPRINKLE** baking soda or diatomaceous earth in your organics cart, on top of your food waste to help with odors and bugs.

Did you know your organic waste is composted here in Irvine? Organic waste collected gets turned into compost at Tierra Verde Industries located at the Great Park in Irvine.



Have Broken or Damaged Carts?

If you have a damaged or broken cart, or if you would like to request a different sized cart, please contact WM Customer Service at (949) 642-1191.

Visit wm.com/recycle-right to learn more about recycling!



Free Paper Shredding

WM has proudly partnered with the City of Irvine to sponsor free shredding events for Irvine residents!

Dispose up to 5 banker-size file boxes (24" wide x 12" high). Please ensure all documents and boxes are free of binders, paper clips, plastic sleeves, and metal butterfly clips.

Items not acceptable include wet paper, CDs, credit cards, three-ring binders, wire dividers, newspapers, magazines, and spiral notebooks. For safety reasons, please remain in your vehicle until you are serviced.

- **Saturday, January 27**
- **Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine**
- **9:00-11:00 a.m. or until truck capacity is reached**
- **No walk-ups will be permitted**

Please visit home.wm.com/irvine and cityofirvine.org for regular updates.

Senior Citizen Discount

WM and the City of Irvine are pleased to offer discounted rates for qualifying residential senior customers.



How do I qualify for the Senior Citizen Discount?

- **Must provide proof of 65 years of age or older**
- **Must own or rent/lease the home**
- **Must live in the home full time**

To fill out an application, visit home.wm.com/irvine for the form, or contact WM Customer Service at (949) 642-1191.

WM Holidays

New Year's Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day

Christmas Day

If your service day falls on one of the above holidays, your service will be delayed by one day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.



Holiday Tree Recycling

WM will collect and recycle Christmas trees placed curbside, from December 26 through January 12, 2024. After the three week period, you may cut your tree and place the pieces in your green waste cart with the lid completely closed or call customer service to schedule a bulk pick-up.

- **Trees taller than six (6) feet must be cut in half.**
- **Please remove all decorations including lights, ornaments, tinsel, and tree stands.**
- **Flocked trees will be collected but not recycled.**

Multi-family residences without curbside trash service may take their trees to Sunset Environmental at 16122 Construction Circle West, off Barranca Parkway, to dispose of your trees at no charge.

Please note facility hours have changed.

This facility is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

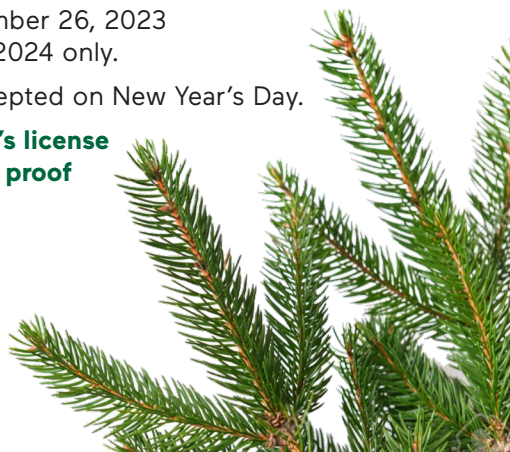
Trees will be accepted at Sunset Environmental December 26, 2023 through January 12, 2024 only.

Trees will not be accepted on New Year's Day.

Please bring a driver's license or utility bill to show proof of Irvine residency.

**Contact
WM Customer Service at
(949) 642-1191
with any questions.**

**Happy
New Year
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