

# Manhattan Beach

Residential Trash, Recycling, and Organics News

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  - Password
  - First and Last Name
5. Click the **Sign Up** button.



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## Free Paper Shredding Event for City of Manhattan Beach Residents and Businesses

- April 13, 9 to 11 a.m.
- June 22, 9 to 11 a.m.
- August 10, 9 to 11 a.m.
- October 19, 9 to 11 a.m.



Mira Costa High School student parking lot.

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## Composting Made Easy!

Join us for a FREE workshop that will teach you about the curbside food waste program and Backyard Composting techniques! The workshops last one hour, are open to the public, and all levels are welcome. Manhattan Beach residents can purchase a discounted Backyard Compost Bin or a Worm Bin at the workshop or order year-round directly from WM at (310) 830-7100.



## Upcoming Food Waste Recycling and Backyard Composting Workshops

May 4 at 10 a.m. | July 13 at 10 a.m. | October 12 at 10 a.m.

Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden in Polliwog Park,  
1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd. (at Peck Ave.)  
Discount bins are available for purchase.

## Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.

New Year's Day | Independence Day | Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day



## Recycling Food Waste at Home

As required by state law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), Waste Management (WM) offers an organic recycling program in partnership with the City of Manhattan Beach. All food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings must be placed together in your organics cart. You can use your kitchen food waste pail to collect food scraps in your kitchen and transfer them to your organics waste cart.

### How to Use Your Kitchen Food Waste Pail

1. Keep your food pail on the kitchen counter top or under the sink. Placing your pail in a visible area will help you remember to recycle your organics.
2. Place food scraps, or your leftover food-soiled paper items, directly into the pail. The pail can be used as is, or lined with a paper bag or newspaper. Do not use plastic bags of any type, even if they are labeled as biodegradable or compostable. Compostable cups, plates, or utensils are also not acceptable.
3. Scrape food scraps and leftovers from your plate or cutting board into your pail. Spoiled or stale food from your fridge and cupboards can also be placed in the pail.
4. Empty the content of your pail directly into your organics cart. DO NOT place your small food waste pail out on collection day. Only the full-size organics cart should be placed at the curb.



Kitchen food waste pails were distributed to customers in 2015 as part of the citywide program launch.

Contact [rbell5@wm.com](mailto:rbell5@wm.com) if you never received a pail and would like to request one.



Food Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,  
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Yard Waste (Grass, Leaves,  
Brush, & Tree Branches)



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Grains, Coffee Grounds

#### Do Not Include:

- Bioplastic or Compostable Plastic Bags
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Serveware/Utensils
- Plastic Containers
- Foam Containers
- Hazardous Waste
- Fats, Oils, or Greases

**Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - don't bag your organics**



#### Minimize the use of your garbage disposal

Garbage disposals increase waste that has to be treated at wastewater treatment plants, can clog sewer lines, and increase the amount of water used in your home.



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## Tips for Preventing Odor and Pests

There are easy things you can do to keep your food pail and organics cart odor and pest free:

### Indoors:

- Avoid placing liquids inside your food pail
- Cut up citrus or bell peppers to keep smells away
- Empty your food pail every day, or every couple of days, into your organics cart
- Line your food pail with a paper bag or newspaper to reduce having to clean it out so often
- Sprinkle the inside with baking soda to help absorb moisture and smells
- Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, and dairy scraps before adding them your organics cart on collection day

### Outdoors

- Place food waste in a paper bag
- Layer items like yard trimmings, newspaper, or a soiled pizza box on the bottom of your organics cart before emptying your food waste pail
- Place your organics cart out on the curb every week for service no matter how full it is to avoid pests and bugs

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from a plant or animal except for pet waste. Pet waste should be discarded in your black lid trash cart. Organic waste consists of food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste.

### Why is it important to recycle my organic waste and what is SB 1383?

SB 1383 went into effect January 1, 2022, and requires all California businesses, multifamily complexes, and residents to separate organic waste from trash. This bill was passed in order to divert more food waste and yard trimmings from our landfills, which will help to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change. For more information, visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp).

### What is food-soiled paper?

Food-soiled paper are paper products that have been in contact with liquid or solid food waste and cannot be recycled into other paper products. Examples of food-soiled paper include napkins, paper plates, and cups that do not contain any plastic lining, food paper wraps, stained pizza boxes, and used coffee filters.

### Why can't biodegradable or compostable plastic bags be used to line food pails?

Biodegradable and compostable plastic bags do not decompose at the same rate as food, yard waste, and food-soiled paper wrap or bags. Since organic waste is processed to create compost, fertilizers, and biofuels, using biodegradable and compostable plastic bags will result in contamination.

### What happens to your organic waste when it leaves your home?

Organic waste (food waste and green waste) is sent to WM's South Valley Compost Facility where it is processed to produce high-quality, nutrient-rich compost suitable for planting or crop growth.



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## Free Bulky Item Pick-Up

Single and multi-family residents can schedule up to six (6) free bulky item pick-ups per year (up to three items per pick-up). Bulky items will be collected at the curb on your regular service day.

Acceptable bulky waste items include furniture, appliances, electronic equipment (e-waste), tires, car motor parts, tree branches, and scrap wood.

Unacceptable Items include household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil, and batteries), spas, camper shells, cast iron bathtubs, items requiring more than two persons to safely handle.

Bulky items cannot exceed eight feet in length, four feet in width, or weigh more than 150 pounds. Please contact WM Customer Service at (310) 830-7100 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day to schedule a pick-up.



## At Your Door Special Collection®

Manhattan Beach residents can safely and conveniently dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic waste using WM's At Your Door Special Collection®.

The materials are collected right from your front door! Common items include pool chemicals, paint products, automotive products, garden chemicals, household chemicals, and electronics.

Through this program, WM collects the materials directly from your front door!

### It's Convenient and Easy:

**Simply call (800) 449-7587 to schedule your pick-up.**



### What Goes in the Organics Container:



Yard Waste



Food Waste



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Produce



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Dairy



Food Soiled Paper, Coffee Filters & Tea Bags

#### Do Not Include:

- Bioplastic or Compostable Plastic Bags
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Serveware/Utensils

- Plastic Containers
- Foam Containers
- Hazardous Waste
- Fats, Oils, or Greases



### What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Paper



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

#### Do Not Include:

- Food Or Liquids
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Foam Containers
- Clothing, Furniture or Carpet

- Batteries
- Electronics
- Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste



### What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups & Containers



Garden Hose



Loose Plastic Bags and Film



Clothing & Textiles



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Diapers



Pet Waste



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers

#### Do Not Include:

- Organics/Recyclables
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics & CFL Bulbs

- Batteries, Tires or Paint
- Flammable Material



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