



NEVADA COUNTY RECYCLER



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Already Composting? Your Organics Cart Still Helps.

Many of you already compost at home—and that's awesome! The recently introduced organics waste collection service is designed to complement your efforts and ensure that even the items you can't compost at home (like meat, bones, dairy, or food-soiled paper) stay out of the landfill.

Using your organics cart helps us all move toward a more sustainable County—whether you're an avid composter, new to sorting, or somewhere in between.



Why Use the Green Cart?

• It's the Law

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires curbside organics collection to help California reduce landfill waste and combat climate change.

• You Can Compost More

The organics cart accepts items that aren't safe or practical for backyard composting. It's a way to expand your composting efforts.

• Less in the Landfill

Even if you compost, not all your neighbors do. When more people use the organics cart, we all help reduce landfill waste.

• Local Compost, Local Benefit

Accepted organic items can be turned into compost. It supports local soil health, agriculture, and sustainability programs.



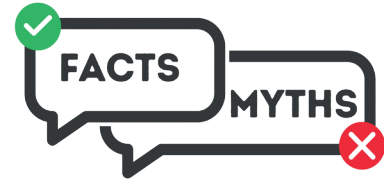
Accepted: Bread, rice, pasta, coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags, cooked meat, fish, poultry, and bones. Dairy products, eggshells, food-soiled paper (non-waxy) such as pizza boxes, paper plates, napkins, and paper towels, fruits and vegetables, yard waste, such as grass, brush, tree trimmings, and untreated wood. Paper bags may be used as liners.



Myth vs. Fact: How to Recycle Like a Pro

Whether you're new to recycling or a seasoned pro, there's always room to improve — and every sorting effort makes a big difference.

Check out the common recycling myths below and learn how to become a confident recycler wherever you go.



MYTH:

If a package has the recycling arrows symbol (Mobius), it means it can be recycled.

ANSWER: Only in some cases.

The Mobius symbol (three chasing arrows) doesn't necessarily mean an item should go in your cart. With thousands of types of plastic packaging—with different chemical makeups—it's best to recycle by shape, not by symbol. Stick with plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs.



MYTH:

Containers must be squeaky clean to be recycled.

ANSWER: False.

While bottles, cans, and containers should be clean, dry, and mostly free of food or liquid before going in your recycling cart, they don't need to be spotless. The key is to keep them clean enough to avoid contaminating other recyclables, especially paper. Use a spatula to scrape out jars and cans, or wipe them down to remove any residue.

