



## GO GREEN DALY CITY:

# COMPOSTING

**STARTING FEB. 1, 2016**, all residents will have an option for curbside collection of organic waste including food scraps as part of their regular garbage service. All organics will be composted, which cuts down on food waste entering our landfills.



**Composting saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions** that cause climate change, and enhances the productivity of our region's farmland. Food waste is NOT garbage. It is a resource that can be transformed into compost! Compost is a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**25%** Americans throw away **\$162 billion** in wasted food.<sup>1</sup> **The average family throws away 25% of all food** they purchase, which is up to **\$2,275 wasted each year.**<sup>2</sup>

**30%** In California, about **30 million tons** of waste end up in landfills each year. **30%+ could be used for compost or mulch.**<sup>3</sup>

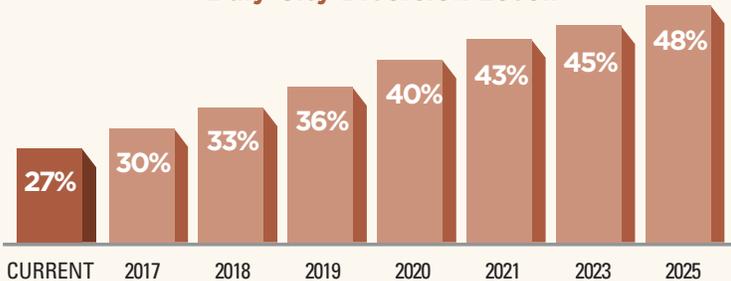
**85X GHG** Food waste buried in landfills emits methane as it breaks down. **Methane is a greenhouse gas (GHG) that is 85 times more powerful than Carbon Dioxide** over a 20-year period.<sup>4</sup>

**14%** In Daly City, **14% of our greenhouse gas emissions** come from solid waste.

## GOALS

### COMPOSTING & RECYCLING

Daly City Diversion Level:



#### Climate Action Plan Goal:

One of the goals of the City's Climate Action Plan is to decrease landfill bound waste from **2.8 to 2.6 pounds per person per day**. The average American generates 2.89 pounds per person per day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS:

Bring household chemicals, cleaning products, paint, oil, etc., for free disposal. You must schedule an appointment at [smchealth.org/hhw](http://smchealth.org/hhw) or call (650) 363-4718.

### E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT:

Bring old electronic appliances and e-waste to City Hall for free disposal on Saturday, April 16 from 10am-2pm.

MAR 12

JUN 11

SEPT 10

DEC 10

APR 16

## HOW TO GET STARTED



**ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION**—Use your kitchen pail to collect/store food scraps and place them in your green compost cart, along with yard trimmings, for curbside collection.



**LOWER GARBAGE RATES**—With the addition of composting, your garbage rates are reduced by up to **\$35.76** in year one depending on service level. You now have the opportunity to right-size your garbage bins! As you compost more, you'll need a smaller garbage bin.

### NEED A GREEN COMPOST CART?

Contact Republic Services at [infodalycity@republicservices.com](mailto:infodalycity@republicservices.com) or (650) 756-1130 to have one delivered.

Questions about your bill? Contact the City's Finance Department at (650) 991-8082.



For more info on sustainability initiatives, contact Stephen Stolte at [sstolte@dalycity.org](mailto:sstolte@dalycity.org), call (650) 991-8126, or visit [dalycity.org/gogreen](http://dalycity.org/gogreen)



# WHAT GOES WHERE

## RECYCLING



### ✓ YES:

Cardboard, Junk Mail, Magazines, Milk and Juice Cartons, Newspaper, Office Paper, Paper Egg Cartons, Glass Bottles and Jars, Plastic Containers #1-#7, Plastic Buckets (must fit in cart), Aluminum and Metal Cans, Aluminum Foil (clean) and Pans, Small Scrap Metal (less than 10 pounds, no cords/chains), Plastic Bags and Plastic Film (bag the bags/plastic film)

### Remember to:

1. Empty and scrape all containers.
2. Flatten cardboard and boxes.
3. Place shredded paper inside a clear plastic bag.



## COMPOST



### ✓ YES:

Yard Trimmings (Small Branches, Leaves, Grass, Flowers, Plants, Weeds, Untreated Wood), Food Scraps, Bones, Breads and Pastas, Coffee Grounds and Filters, Dairy, Fish, Fruit, Meat, Poultry, Rice, Tea Bags, Vegetables, Paper Cups and Plates, Paper Take-Out Food Containers, Paper Towels and Napkins, Pizza Boxes, Waxed Cardboard

### Remember to:

1. Add food scraps and food-soiled paper products in with your yard trimmings.
2. Use your new Kitchen Pail for in-home use only, do not place at the curb for collection.



## GARBAGE



### ✓ YES:

Ceramics, Glassware, Window Glass, Mirrors, Regular Light Bulbs, Bagged Animal Waste, Diapers, Toys, Soup or Juice Boxes, Juice Pouches, Snack Bags, Wrappers



## COMPOSTING TIPS:

Line your kitchen pail with compostable bags, paper towels, or newspaper to cut down on cleaning.

Consider putting your food scraps in a compostable bag in the freezer if you will not dispose of them quickly to cut down on any odor.

For more tips on reducing food waste before it enters the compost bin, go to: [www.dalycity.org/gogreen](http://www.dalycity.org/gogreen).

## RECYCLING QUESTIONS

**Q What do the numbers on plastic containers mean?** **A** The numbers 1 through 7 represent the type of plastic used to make the container. Our state of the art facilities accept them all, so don't worry about the numbers.

**Q Do I need to clean my plastic containers before recycling?** **A** Just make sure to completely empty the contents before recycling the container. Scraping the contents works great, no need to wash/rinse. This is true for all containers, such as glass, metal or aluminum, and plastic.

**Q Can I recycle take-out food containers?** **A** It depends on the type of take-out container. Clear, plastic "clamshells" and other plastic containers with a recycling number are recyclable and should be placed in your blue Recycle Cart. The same is true for aluminum foil containers. Polystyrene (commonly known as Styrofoam) containers are not, including meat trays. Food-soiled paper or cardboard containers should be placed in your green Compost Cart (for example, an oily pizza box). If paper packaging is not food soiled, it can be recycled instead.

**Q Can I recycle plastic bags?** **A** Yes, just remember to bag all your bags together before placing them in your blue Recycle Cart. You can also bring them back to your grocery store and recycle them there.

**DALY CITY RECYCLES**  
**Americans throw away 28 billion bottles and jars every year, all can be recycled.<sup>5</sup>**  
 Curbside recycling has been provided to residents since 1995. Please keep doing your part to divert recyclables from our landfills!

1-5. For a list of sources, visit [www.dalycity.org/gogreen](http://www.dalycity.org/gogreen)