

## **Diamond Bar Launches Citywide Organics Recycling Program as of July 1**

The City of Diamond Bar achieved a major milestone in its sustainability efforts on July 1, 2022, when all residents could begin using their green carts for food scraps and other organic waste (along with their yard trimmings).

While green-colored carts in Diamond Bar were previously used only for yard clippings and green waste, now residents can use the green carts to dispose of organic waste including uneaten food, food-soiled paper, and other compostable items.

“July 1st marked the official start of Diamond Bar’s residential Organics Recycling Program, as we kick off the new way of using our green carts,” said Mayor Ruth Low. “The program has been designed to make it an easy transition for residents, so we look forward to seeing community members participate.”

To make it as seamless as possible for Diamond Bar residents to begin recycling organics, the City is working with its two waste haulers, Valley Vista Services and Waste Management, to provide households with kitchen pails for easily discarding food waste. Valley Vista Services, the City’s commercial waste hauler, has provided every multi-family household with a two-gallon food pail, thirty starter liner bags, and a Citywide Organics Recycling Program Guide. The City was awarded a grant from CalRecycle to implement SB1383 elements and plans to collaborate with Waste Management, its residential waste hauler, to provide kitchen pails to every single-family household.

The launch of Diamond Bar’s Citywide Organics Recycling Program comes in response to the statewide resolution, Senate Bill 1383 (the state’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction law aimed at fighting climate change). This bill aims to reduce short-lived climate pollutants through reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills by 75% over the next three years.

A key part of the bill requires all California residents to recycle organic waste. Approximately one-third of the contents in the average household trash is organic material that includes food waste, leftovers and food-soiled paper. When landfilled, this waste decomposes and generates methane which traps heat and contributes to climate change. Recycling household organic waste is the easiest and most immediate action that every single person can take to help California reach its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.

With its new Citywide Organics Recycling Program, the City of Diamond Bar advances the implementation of SB 1383 while continuing to contribute as a leader in environmental sustainability efforts.

For additional information about the Organics Recycling Program in the City of Diamond Bar, please visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/organics](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/organics).