



MONTEREY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDE

SB 1383: CA's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy

SB 1383 and Monterey City Code (Chapter 14) require businesses to either:

- Subscribe to and participate in organics curbside collection service
- Self-haul organic waste on a weekly basis in compliance with Monterey City Code requirements
 - Self-haulers are required to maintain records of the amount of organic waste delivered to each facility or activity that recovers it. Records are subject to inspection.

Accessible Recycling & Composting for Customers

AB 827 requires businesses with mixed recycling and organic waste service to provide clearly labeled front-of-house recycling and food waste collection containers for customer use.

What Goes Where

What Goes Where was developed in collaboration with cities, Monterey County, the landfills, and the haulers to help customers know how to properly dispose of waste and which items are recyclable. Available online at whatgoeswhere.info and as an app for both iPhone and Android.



What Goes Where

Container Best Practices & City Code Requirements

It is important to store your solid waste properly, as overflowing containers can lead to water contamination, litter and vector issues. Lids must be closed, but not tied down. Do not overfill containers.

Monterey City Code requires commercial containers to:

- Be returned to their stored location within two hours of pickup
- Contain all waste generated by the business and not be overflowing
- Not be stored on any public right-of-way or property
- Be screened from public view



To the extent practicable through education, training, inspection, and/or other measures, businesses are required to prohibit employees from placing materials in a container not designated for those materials.

Container contamination may result in containers not being serviced or additional charges.



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Trash

Non-divertible or non-recyclable material, bagged animal waste, vacuum dust, and cold ashes.



Mixed Recycling

Void of all food, clean and dry!

Please do not bag mixed recycling.
Exception: Shredded paper may be placed in a clear plastic bag.



Paper & Cardboard

Flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, paper packaging, phone books, books, office paper, junk mail, and shredded paper in clear bags.



Plastic Containers

Bottles/containers numbered 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7. Rigid plastics such as buckets, crates, plastic plant pots, etc.



Glass

Glass bottles, jars and containers with lids removed.



Tin & Aluminum

Tin/steel cans and lids, soda cans, clean aluminum foil, and empty aerosol cans.



Questions?

Call MCDS or download the What Goes Where app! See other side for details.



Food Scraps

Restaurants and food providers may use bags meeting ASTM standards for compostability.



- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Cooked meats
- Dairy
- Grains
- Coffee & tea

Do Not Place in Food Waste Cart

- Compostable disposable food service ware
- Plastic
- Paper
- Metal
- Fruit pits (e.g. peach pits)
- Raw meat
- Liquids
- Glass



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronic Waste

NO! 
Never put these items in these carts!



HHW can be taken to the ReGen Monterey at 14201 Del Monte Boulevard, Marina, CA 93933 (831) 384-5313 regenmonterey.org

Do Not Place in the Mixed Recycling Cart

- Plastic bags/film plastic
- Tissue paper/napkins
- Compostable plastics
- Hangers
- Items with residue
- Metal pipe or plumbing fixtures
- Plastics not listed above
- Diapers
- Clamshell containers
- Pizza boxes with grease residue
- Clothing & textiles
- Appliances or electronics
- Hazardous waste
- Hypodermic needles
- Batteries
- Garden hoses
- CDs, cassettes or VCR tapes
- Paper or cardboard with metallic or wax coating
- Christmas lights & decorations
- Plastic utensils
- Paper plates



Mixed Organics

Not available for restaurants and food providers.



- Accepted food scraps
- Lawn clippings & garden trimmings
- Hay/straw
- House plants
- Pine needles
- Small untreated lumber, limbs up to 3" in diameter

Do Not Place in Mixed Organics Cart

- Bags
- Dirt, rock or sand
- Cactus or succulents
- Palm fronds
- Painted or treated wood
- Liquids
- Poison oak
- Inorganic materials
- Animal waste
- Pressure treated wood
- Large limbs
- Raw meat