WHAT HAPPENS TO ORGANIC WASTE PLACED IN THE GREEN CART?

By putting your food scraps and yard trimmings in the green cart, you’re providing compost to local farms to grow food. Keep contaminants out of the green cart to keep the compost “clean,” because your food may be growing in it!

Pictured is the ReGen Monterey composting operation run by Keith Day Company.

For more information and resources, visit:
monterey.org/sustainable
montereydisposal.com
calrecycle.ca.gov
Residential collection containers are required to be brought in before 7pm on collection day.

Monterey City Code Chapter 14 requires that no person shall leave any residential container(s), or any other items for collection on specially designated collection dates, at the street curb or in any other place on the property visible from the street before 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day of pickup, or beyond 7:00 p.m. the day of collection.

Only yard waste and food waste (with the exception of raw meat, raw fish, & liquids) go in the green curbside cart.

Please do not place paper products, compostable plastic products, or plastic bags in the green cart - these items degrade compost quality.

Free food scrap collection pails are still available during business hours in the Planning Office at 580 Pacific Street!

When MCDS receives recyclables, they’re often sorted before being compacted into bales. Pictured is baled plastic ready to ship. It’s important to ensure that your recyclables are clean, empty, and dry - containers with food residue can contaminate an entire load of recyclables (especially when they’re compacted)!

Volunteer Opportunity
Interested in helping food insecure families? Volunteers are needed to transport food from edible food generators to food recovery organizations through Careit - a food rescue app and website.

To volunteer, visit monterey.org/sustainable and click on "Edible Food Recovery." Then simply click the Careit volunteer link below the organization you’d like to transport food for.