



**MALIBU RESIDENT
ZERO WASTE**
Service Guide



MalibuCity.org/Organics

ZERO WASTE is the Goal.

The City of Malibu is Committed to Zero Waste

The City of Malibu wants to incentivize the highest and best use of its resources through waste prevention, source reduction, reuse and recycling.

To meet this goal we encourage all businesses, residents and visitors to take action and incorporate zero waste practices into their everyday life.

Organic waste like food scraps will now be recycled to compost or converted into energy.

Send Less to the Landfill

This useful guide will help all residents protect the environment by making a few simple choices for a more sustainable household.

American families throw out approximately 25% of the food and beverages purchased.

The City's Organics Recycling Program reduces this waste, complies with state laws, and offers the following benefits:

- Saves money from buying less food.
- Reduces methane emissions from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint.
- Conserves energy and resources, preventing pollution involved in the growing, manufacturing, transporting, and selling of food.



Ways to Reduce Wasted Food

Planning, prepping, and storing food can help your household waste less food



- Look in your refrigerator and cupboards first to avoid buying food you already have, make a list each week of what needs to be used up and plan upcoming meals around it.
- Include quantities on your shopping list noting how many meals you'll make with each item to avoid overbuying. For example: salad greens - enough for two lunches.
- Buy only what you need and will use. Buying in bulk only saves money if you are able to use the food before it spoils.



- Freeze, preserve, or can surplus fruits and vegetables.
- Put herbs or leafy greens in a jar with water, stem down, to keep them fresh for longer.
- Store fruits and vegetables in different bins.
- Refrigerate oranges and other citrus in a bag for up to 3 weeks.



- Prepare and cook perishable items, then freeze them for use throughout the month.
- When you get home from the store, take the time to wash, dry, chop, dice, slice, and place your fresh food items in clear storage containers for snacks and easy cooking.

Collecting and Sorting Your Food Scraps

The City has two permitted haulers, Waste Management (WM) and Universal Waste Systems (UWS), that provide organic recycling service to residents. WM and UWS have different sorting requirements for organic waste and will be sending their respective customers further instructions on what waste materials go where.

Based on your hauler, follow these tips to help your household collect and sort food scraps:



Organic waste like food scraps go into the cart with landscaping waste



Step 1. Keep a kitchen container (yogurt, coffee, or plastic food storage container) in a convenient location in your kitchen (freezer, refrigerator, counter top, or under the sink) and place leftover food scraps in it.

Step 2. Empty the contents of your kitchen container into your green waste organics cart the night before or morning of pickup. Make sure the green cart lid is closed at all times.

Step 3. Wash your organics collector container in the dishwasher or by hand after emptying. Sprinkle baking soda inside of the kitchen container to absorb odors.



Organic waste like food scraps go into the cart with trash



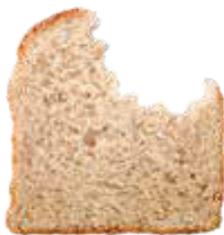
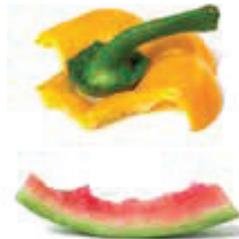
UWS customers will continue to place food scraps in their trash cart.

UWS will take the contents of the trash containers to a high diversion processing facility where food waste will be extracted from the trash and converted into energy.

Both will recycle organic waste into energy or compost!

Food Scraps

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These are general acceptable items,
confirm with your hauler on specific materials not listed.

Malibu's Organic Waste Recycling Program

On January 1, 2022, the Malibu community began receiving organic and food waste recycling service. California established statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste like food disposed of in landfills. Here's what to expect:



How to Get Started

Learn more at MalibuCity.org/Organics



RESIDENTIAL

Visit www.MalibuCity.org/Organics to learn which cart to use for organics.



COMMERCIAL

- Contact a City-permitted solid waste hauler to subscribe to organic recycling service. *(required since October 2021)*
- Train employees to properly sort materials.
- Participate in edible food recovery (large restaurants and events).

Benefits of Keeping Food Out of Landfills

FEEDS PEOPLE

1 in 7 living in LA County live with food insecurity. Perfectly edible food that is currently being disposed can be distributed to feed those in need.



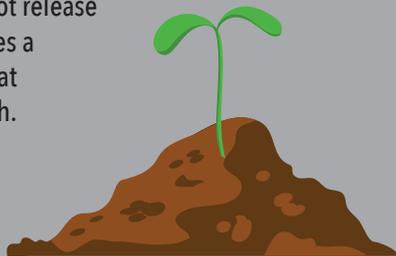
REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND SLOWS DOWN THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

When trapped in a landfill, organic waste decomposes without oxygen. This process produces methane, a greenhouse gas **25x more powerful than CO₂**.



COMPOST RESTORES SOIL

Composting breaks down organic waste with oxygen, this process does not release methane and creates a recycled product that improves soil health.



REDUCES NEED FOR LANDFILLS

Local landfill capacities are rapidly being consumed, organic recycling and composting now will help meet future needs.



Contact Information

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Organics Recycling Program and Resources

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Permitted Solid Waste Haulers Offering Organic Recycling Services

Universal Waste Services

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(800) 631-7016

Waste Management

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(800) 675-1171