



## Memorandum

Date: August 25, 2022  
To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Michael Rogers, City Manager *MR*  
Via: David Murphy, Interim Director of Operations  
CC: Connie Vieira, Management Analyst  
Subject: Update on Food Waste Program

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At the Council meeting on August 16, 2022, a resident and Councilmember Davis requested an update on the food waste program. This memo contains the status of distribution of educational information, grant funding, and State compliance.

The new residential containers for organics and waste collection will be distributed beginning the week of September 5, 2022, and is anticipated to be completed by mid-November 2022. The new containers will be delivered the day prior to the resident's yard waste collection day. A notice from Tracy Disposal will be attached to the new containers explaining the new containers and what to do with the old containers. On the back of that flyer will be a calendar for recycle container collection since that will remain on a bi-weekly collection schedule. Weekly collection service for the organics and garbage containers will begin for residents the week after receiving their new containers. Tracy Disposal provided the finalized rollout dates and process earlier this week. Information from the City on the upcoming changes will be mailed out to residents next week explaining the changes and what to expect with the old and new containers. A flyer from Tracy Disposal will also be included in the mailing with updated sorting information for each waste container. The information will also be posted on the City's social media and the City's recycling webpage.

The City of Tracy received \$139,987 through the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program. A majority of the funds will be used to obtain a software tracking program through Recyclist to assist with compliance tracking of State mandates, focusing on commercial businesses for the Electronic Annual Report to CalRecycle. The Agreement with Recyclist was finalized earlier this week and staff will be coordinating the implementation of the software program to be operational as soon as possible. The remaining funds from the grant will be used to create and distribute educational and outreach materials.

City staff submitted a Notification of Intent to Comply with SB 1383 to CalRecycle to secure administrative civil penalty relief from any continuing violations for the 2022 calendar year. The Notification of Intent to Comply was approved by Council on February 15, 2022 (Resolution No. 2022-020). Since submission, City staff has been in continuous contact with the City's Local Assistance representative from CalRecycle. This ongoing communication complies with CalRecycle's requirements for an implementation plan to meet compliance.





# Changes to Waste Collection

Effective September 5, 2022

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 set methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. One of the targets is to reduce organic waste disposal 75% by 2025. Organic waste makes up half of what Californians dump in landfills and emits 20% of the State's methane. To do our part in complying with these reduction targets, the following changes are being made to the City of Tracy's waste collection:

## New Containers

All City of Tracy customers that have three containers for waste will receive a new grey garbage container and a new green, non-vented organics container.



## Distribution of Containers September 5th – Mid-November

New containers will be delivered on yard waste pick-up weeks, the day before your regular garbage day beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> on the West side of Tracy.

## Collection of Old Containers

After you have received your new containers, please place your old green and brown containers at the curb for collection on your next regular pick-up day.



## Changes in Waste Collection

Beginning the week after the new containers are received, both garbage and organic waste collection will occur on a weekly basis. Recycle collection will remain on a bi-weekly basis.

## Organics

The organics container is for both yard and food waste. This includes grass, tree trimmings, flowers, weeds, dairy, meat, bones, and food-soiled paper products. Organic waste will be converted into nutrient-rich compost at the Tracy Material Recovery Facility that will be made available to all customers.



For additional information, please visit [www.RecycleInsideTheTriangle.com](http://www.RecycleInsideTheTriangle.com)



**ATTENTION:** New **Gray** Garbage and **Green** Organics carts have been delivered to your residence. These carts will be collected weekly. The **Blue** Recycle cart will remain the same and will remain on the original biweekly schedule.

**Please place the old Green Garbage cart(s) and Brown Yard Waste cart(s) at the curb to be dumped and picked up. Do not continue to fill old carts once new carts have been delivered. Once old carts have been dumped by Tracy Disposal, a separate truck will dismantle and retrieve empty, Green Garbage and Brown Yard Waste carts.**

New **GRAY** Garbage cart & **GREEN** Organics carts

- **Collection of your NEW carts will begin next week on your regular garbage day**
- **What goes in the new carts? See below for list**

### Blue Cart

Put recyclables in the blue cart.  
When in doubt, throw it out.

junk mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, white/colored papers, packaging, tubes, aluminum cans, glass bottles/jars, plastic bottles/tubs, non-soiled food containers



Please scrape and rinse containers before placing under the blue lid.  
**Do not use liner bags.**

### Green Cart

Put yard trimmings & food waste in the green cart.

branches (*less than 6" in diameter and 3' in length*), grass clippings, weeds/leaves/flowers, plate scrapings, meat, vegetables, egg shells, bread, dairy, bones and food-soiled paper/cardboard products



**NO: plastic or bio-plastic bags, dirt, sod, rock, brick, or concrete**

### Gray Cart

Put garbage in the gray cart.

Common items include pet waste, diapers, plastic bags\* & wrap, broken kitchen plates and cups, tempered glass, sponges, rugs, hangers, clothing and shoes



Please bag pet waste.

\*Check with local grocery store for plastic recycling

**OVER FOR UPDATED COLLECTION SCHEDULE →**

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209.835.0601 / [Support@tdswm.com](mailto:Support@tdswm.com) ♦ [www.tdswm.com](http://www.tdswm.com) ♦ Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM



# TRACY DISPOSAL


Tracy Disposal Service Company  
Serving the City of Tracy

Office: 30703 S. MacArthur Drive, Tracy, 95377  
PO Box 274, Tracy, CA 95378  
www.tdswm.com  
Customer Service: 209-835-0601  
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## UPDATED Recycling Collection Schedule

**Green Organics Cart will be collected weekly on your regular garbage day.**


### Residential Property **west of Tracy** Boulevard

 Recycle Cart will be emptied with the garbage cart, on the weeks **highlighted in BLUE** below.


All three carts (Gray - Garbage, Green-Organics, Blue- Recycle) will be dumped on your Recycle week

 Organics Cart (yardwaste + food waste) will be emptied weekly on your regular garbage day

### Residential Property **east of Tracy** Boulevard

 Recycle Cart will be emptied with the garbage cart, on the weeks that are **not highlighted** below.

All three carts (Gray - Garbage, Green-Organics, Blue- Recycle) will be dumped on your Recycle week

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## 2022 CALENDAR

### JULY 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
E						1	2
<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
E	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>W</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
E	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>W</b>	<b>31</b>						

### SEPTEMBER 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>W</b>					1	2	3
E	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>W</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
E	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>W</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

### NOVEMBER 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
E			1	2	3	4	5
<b>W</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
E	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>W</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
E	27	28	29	30			

### AUGUST 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>W</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
E	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>W</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
E	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>W</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

### OCTOBER 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>W</b>							1
E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>W</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
E	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>W</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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### DECEMBER 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
E					1	2	3
<b>W</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
E	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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# TRACY DISPOSAL

RESIDENTIAL

Tracy Disposal Service Company  
Serving the City of Tracy

Summer 2022

# SERVICE GUIDE

## Changes to your service coming soon

1. Bi-weekly Recycle Service: **90 gallon**



90  
gallon  
cart

2. Weekly Organic Waste Service: **90 gallon**



90  
gallon  
cart

Tracy Disposal will be phasing in Green Organics containers in accordance with new state legislation.

3. Weekly Waste Service: **60 or 90 gallon**



60 or 90  
gallon  
cart

Tracy Disposal will be phasing in Gray Waste containers in accordance with new state legislation.

Choose the waste container that best fits your household needs.



Cart size in gallons	
60	90
Approximate number of tall kitchen bags	
5	7

4. Annual Residential Clean-Up for extra garbage and bulky furniture items (see page 2 for details).

## What belongs in each cart?

Please take the time to recycle right. When carts are misused, service can be delayed and extra fees applied.

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junk mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, white/colored papers, packaging, tubes, aluminum cans, glass bottles/jars, plastic bottles/tubs, non-soiled food containers



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### On your collection day:

- Place your carts out with the wheels at least one foot from the curb prior to 4AM.
- Leave 3 feet of space between each cart.
- Carts must be a minimum of 6 feet from any vehicles.
- Avoid placing carts near low-hanging tree branches, fire hydrants, parked cars and other obstacles.
- Do not overload your carts - make sure the lids are fully closed and materials are not too tightly wedged inside. This will help prevent litter and ensure your carts are fully emptied.
- All bins must be placed behind a gate or at the side of the garage within 24 hours after pickup per Tracy Municipal Code 5.20.100



## Annual Residential Clean-Up

The City of Tracy offers an annual clean-up program which allows each residential property to have one free scheduled pickup per calendar year.

- (10) 32-gallon trash bags or equivalent of garbage **AND**
- (2) large items  
Common large items include appliances, mattress sets, sofas, or any combination of any two (2) large furniture items.
- All bags, bundles and appliances must be placed neatly at curbside not blocking the sidewalk or gutter.
- An appointment is required and must be made in advance. Same day appointments are not possible.
- Residential utility account must be active and current.

 **Excluded items include motor vehicle parts (car, truck, equipment), tires, construction and demolition debris, Hazardous Waste, dirt, rock, concrete, asphalt, tile, sand, stucco.**

## Ready to schedule?

- Call 209.835.0601 to schedule your clean-up.
- Tell us what you will be putting at the curb for collection so that we can send the right type of collection vehicle.
- Contain loose items in bags or boxes.
- Tie carpet in rolls no longer than 4 feet.
- Place your items at the curb no more than 12 hours before scheduled appointment.

## Household Hazardous Waste - HHW

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any waste generated from the use of a product containing a hazardous material that, if misused or improperly disposed of, could pose a threat to human health and/or the environment. HHW should never be placed in a cart, washed down the drain, poured in the street gutter or poured onto the ground.

Please protect the health and safety of our workers by properly disposing of sharps and other hazardous materials.

Call the San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Consolidation Facility at **800.449.4840** or visit <https://www.sjgov.org/solidwaste/hhw> for hours, drop-off locations and accepted materials.



## Debris Box Rental Services

Cleaning out your garage or storage? Planning a construction, demolition or landscape project? Rent a debris box! Sizes range from 1.5 cubic yards to 40 cubic yards.

- Sizes 1.5 cubic yards to 6 cubic yards.  
*These containers are recommended for small to moderate material disposal.*
- Sizes 10 cubic yards to 40 cubic yards.  
*These containers are recommended for large scale projects, demolition, home renovation and bulky item disposal.*



## Special Handling Items, Appliances

Residents must notify Tracy Disposal Service prior to placing any appliances, white goods, or any other items requiring special handling such as TVs, freezers, refrigerators or air conditioners at the curb.



### NEW Statewide Organic Waste Regulations: SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

SB 1383 is the most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in California in the last 30 years and is part of a statewide commitment to reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, like methane gas, in various sectors of California's economy. The State has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve health, and create clean jobs that support resilient local economies.

#### SB 1383 Targets

- Statewide reduction of organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.
- Rescue at least 20% of edible food that is currently going to the landfill by 2025.

#### What is Organic Waste and why is it important to divert it from the landfill?

When we are talking about organic waste for the purposes of SB 1383, we are talking about Green Waste, Wood Waste, Food Waste and fibers such as Paper and Cardboard. Landfilling organic waste leads to the anaerobic breakdown of that material, which creates methane. Currently landfills are responsible for 21% of the state's methane emissions. Diverting organic waste to a recycling facility can significantly reduce local air quality emissions and associated negative environmental and health impacts.

#### What happens to Organic Waste in my community?

Organics are delivered to Tracy Material Recovery for processing. Yard trimmings and food scraps are composted in an open-windrow, a process that takes several weeks and close monitoring. The product of composting is a nutrient rich soil amendment that is sold by the yard. Much of the material processed from the community remains local as it is reintroduced into landscapes, gardens, fields and orchards as nutrient rich compost.

Fiber products such as paper and cardboard, placed in the blue recycle cart, are recycled into new products.

#### How does SB 1383 affect me?

- All residents and businesses will be required to divert all organic waste from the landfill.
- Businesses will be required to place labeled bins for recycling and organics recycling next to all waste containers.
- Some businesses will be required to recover edible food for human consumption.



## Tracy Material Recovery & Solid Waste Transfer Facility

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#### Public Disposal and Material Processing Facility

- Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM
- Saturday 8AM-3:30PM
- Sunday closed

- Public waste disposal
- Reduced rates for clean loads of wood and green waste
- Compost & Wood Chips sales
- Mattress recycling