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RECYCLE BREA

Waste & Recycling Newsletter for Brea Residents



Empty. Clean. Dry.

The right way to recycle

We've all heard the saying, "One bad apple spoils the bunch." Did you know that could be true with recycling, too? All of your recycling goes together into your All-in-One Recycling™ container. Your recycling container and all of your neighbors' containers are emptied into a truck that compacts the recyclables. At the Materials Recovery Facility, that load is dumped and mixed with loads from many other neighborhoods. So imagine what happens when you or someone else has tossed in a nearly full can of soda or a half-empty ketchup bottle. You can see it, can't you? Soda or ketchup gets squeezed out and spills onto paper, cardboard, and other containers. Instead of being recycled, some of those items are now too contaminated to be reused by a manufacturer. And then? Well, they end up in the landfill instead of being made into a new product.



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Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean & dry before you toss them in the container.



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But here's the thing — contamination is a problem that we can quickly and easily solve. By taking three simple steps before you toss items into your recycling container, you can help keep everyone's recycling clean. When you do this, you help ensure that your recyclables will become new products, conserving natural resources, saving energy, and creating jobs.

Here are the three easy steps:

1. **EMPTY.** Make sure your recyclables are EMPTY of their contents.
2. **CLEAN.** Make sure your recyclables are CLEAN of any residue.
3. **DRY.** Let recyclables DRY. Then place your LOOSE recyclables into the recycling container. (Don't bag recyclables!)

With EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY as a guide, we can each do our part to help reduce recycling contamination and become better recyclers in the process. Together, we can make recycling work!



There will be no trash and recycling collection services on these holidays:

- New Year's Day – Monday, January 1, 2018
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018
- Fourth of July – Wednesday, July 4, 2018
- Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2018
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 22, 2018
- Christmas – Tuesday, December 25, 2018

If your weekly pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday is on a Monday, Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, and so on, with Friday's collection on Saturday.



Mark Your Calendar for the Compost Giveaway

The City of Brea and Republic Services will be giving away compost for FREE on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., at **Tri City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd., Placentia**. Please bring your own containers to fill (no bags). There is a limit of 60 gallons per household, while supplies last.

Compost creates healthier soil by adding organic matter and improving soil structure. Healthy soil uses water more efficiently, allowing available water to flow toward your plants' roots, storing water in the soil longer, and reducing runoff and erosion.

To receive free compost, residents must provide proof of residency (California driver's license or utility bill).

For more information, contact Republic Services at **714-238-2444**.

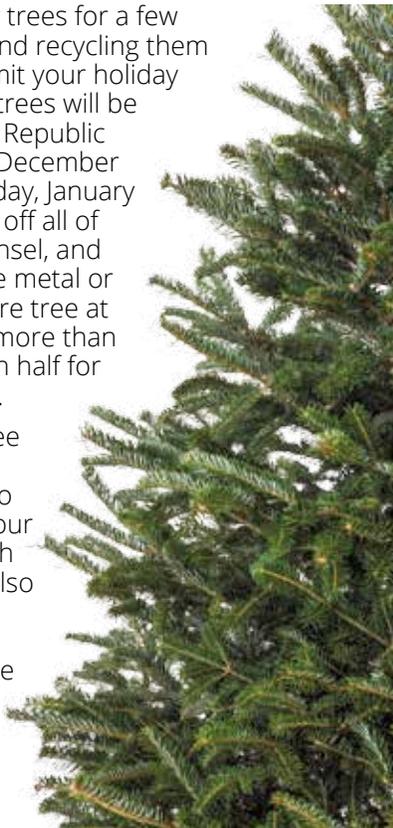


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Holiday Trees and Greenery

We only use our holiday trees for a few weeks out of the year, and recycling them can be a great way to limit your holiday waste. Cut, real holiday trees will be accepted at the curb by Republic Services from Tuesday, December 26, 2017 through Saturday, January 6, 2018. Be sure to take off all of the lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garland, and remove the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection.

If you don't take your tree down until after January 6, 2018, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yardwaste container with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yardwaste container. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wire, hooks, bows, and other decorations.



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Did You Know?

In California, recycling is mandatory for many businesses and multi-family properties. If you operate a business or manage an apartment or condominium community, learn how Assembly Bills 341 (paper and containers) and 1826 (yard and food waste) affect you by contacting Republic Services at **714-238-4444** or visiting **RepublicServices.com**.

Keep It Clean

According to CalRecycle, yard waste makes up about 22% of what Southern California residents discard each year. Most of this yard waste can be collected for composting or turned into mulch or a mulch-like material used as daily cover at landfills.

By keeping your yard waste out of the trash and putting it into the brown yardwaste container, you are making a difference. You are reducing the amount of waste headed to California landfills. You are helping create California jobs at composting and mulching facilities. And you are also supporting a strong ecosystem by making decomposing organic matter available to soil and plants.

Follow these guidelines in filling your yardwaste containers:

- Place these LOOSE materials into the container: grass clippings, leaves, plants, weeds, brush, limbs, and branches.
- Chop and trim limbs and branches so they are no more than 2 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter.



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- Do NOT put fibrous palm fronds, cactus, Bird of Paradise, or yucca plants into the container. These must go into the waste container because they get tangled in grinding equipment.

If you regularly fill your yardwaste container and need more capacity, contact Republic Services at **714-238-4444** to order an additional container for a nominal fee.

Collection Day Do's and Don'ts

Help keep your neighborhood tidy and make sure your curbside containers can be properly emptied. Follow these simple tips:

DO

- Close the lids on all of your containers.
- Bag garbage that will be placed into your waste container.
- Toss only LOOSE recyclables into the All-in-One Recycling™ container. The exception is plastic bags and plastic wrap, which should be placed into a plastic bag that is tied shut, creating a "bag ball."
- Place only recyclables into the recycling container (see

"What Can Be Recycled?" on the next page).

- Break down and flatten boxes before recycling. If needed, cut cardboard into pieces no larger than about 18 by 18 inches.
- Empty food and beverage containers. Wipe or rinse out food residue, as needed.
- Place containers at least 2 feet away from each other, as well as mailboxes, telephone poles, or parked cars.
- Roll containers to the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. If you aren't an early riser, set out your container the night before collection.
- Place containers with the wheels and handles facing your house.
- If you have bulky items or electronics, call Republic Services 24 hours before your collection day to request a special pickup.

DON'T

- Don't leave the container lids open.
- Don't place bagged garbage on top of your waste container.
- Don't bag your recycling.
- Don't overfill containers. Save extra materials to be placed in containers the following week. You can also drop off materials at the Transfer Station, where fees will apply for some items.
- Don't put any of these items into your recycling container: single plastic bags (instead bag all bags together); takeout coffee cups; clothing and textiles; hoses and cords; tissues, napkins, and paper towels; electronics; or household batteries.
- Don't place cactus, yucca, or other succulents into your yardwaste container. These materials should go into the waste container.

If you have questions, please call Republic Services at **714-238-4444** or visit **RepublicServices.com**.



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Trash Collection Service
714-238-2444

Household Hazardous Waste
714-834-6752

Public Disposal Center
714-238-2444

Bulky Item Pickup
714-238-2444

Billing
714-990-7687

**Street Sweeping Citation,
Storm Drains, and Sewers**
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What can be recycled?

Recyclable These items can be recycled in your **All-in-One Recycling™** container:

Paper

Paper (staples okay)
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food and soup cans
Scrap metal (small)



Cardboard

Ream wrappers
File folders
Poster board
Frozen food boxes
Gift boxes
Cereal boxes
Milk and juice cartons
Cardboard shipping boxes



Plastic

Bottles and jugs
Take-out containers (clear)
Dairy tubs
Bags and film (bagged together)



Non-Recyclable

Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Clothing and textiles
Diapers
Styrofoam
Food waste
Hoses, ropes, and cords
Latex gloves
Mirrors or ceramics
Sheets of stickers and address labels
Tissues, paper towels, or napkins

Special Handling

These items should never be mixed with regular recycling and require special handling. Learn more at **OCLandfills.com**.

Batteries
Computers and electronics
Hazardous waste
Light bulbs and tubes
Needles or syringes
Paint
Toxic material containers

For more information on recyclables, visit **RepublicServices.com**.