

Tips & Tricks for Recycling Organic Waste



Properly sorting kitchen scraps is an important element of organics recycling—but one that may feel difficult or inconvenient if you don't have a place to store those scraps. A kitchen pail is a great solution that allows you to easily separate organic waste from trash and recyclables!

Instead of placing leftover food in your garbage, designate a special kitchen pail for scraps to make it easier to sort your trash. If you don't have a kitchen pail, you can easily create your own by repurposing the following items into a food scrap container:



Any resealable food package or container
(coffee tin, deli or to-go container, glass jar, etc.)



Large bowl with lid



Brown paper bag



Zipping freezer bag

Pro tip: Line your container with newspaper or a compostable bag, sprinkle some baking soda on the lining and store it in a cool place to avoid odors.

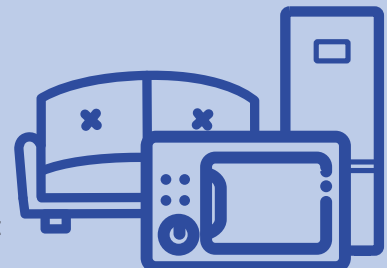
Keeping your kitchen scraps and food waste out of the landfill is a simple yet highly effective way to protect the environment from harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Recycled organic materials are then used to create earth-friendly products like renewable energy, mulch, compost and healthy soil—directly benefiting your local community.

BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Did you know the City of South Gate partners with Universal Waste Systems to coordinate bulky item pickup? Our Bulky Item Pickup service ensures safe and responsible disposal of large items such as furniture, appliances, and electronics. Residents and multifamily tenants can schedule up to ten free bulky item pickups per month!

Illegal dumping of bulky items not only spoils the natural beauty of our community but also poses significant environmental hazards. In the City of South Gate, illegal dumping can result in fines against property owners who cause, allow or offer illegal dumping.

To learn more and schedule a bulky item pick-up, call UWS customer service at (562) 334-3660, email SGCustomerService@uwscompany.com or submit a request online at uwscompany.com/south-gate.



Learn more about recycling organic waste at SortWasteSG.org.

