



Winter 2022 S.O.R.T. REPORT

Saving Our Resources Together



Residential

Holiday Service Schedule

Athens Services will be closed on the days shown below.

If your collection day falls on or after an observed holiday, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Please have your containers out by 6 am.

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
(No Change to Schedule)

New Year's Day 2023
Sunday, January 1
(No Change to Schedule)

Remember:



Green for Organics
Blue for Recyclables
Black for Waste



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Commerce Recycles: Food Scraps

The City of Commerce and Athens Services are partnering to implement food scraps collection for single-family residents. Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires single-family home residents, multifamily complexes, and businesses across California to place into green organics containers ALL their landscaping waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper (100% fiber-based only).

Why Organics Recycling? The law establishes a target of 75% by 2025 in the reduction of organics waste going to landfill. Landfills are the third largest source of methane in California with organics waste emitting 20% of the state's methane. By diverting organics from the landfill, you are part of the solution in helping to protect the environment and future generations.

Where Can I Get More Information?

- The City of Commerce provides information on residential organics recycling at this web page: Cl.Commerce.ca.us/City-Hall/Public-Works/Environmental-Services/Recycling-Reuse/Residential-Recycling
- If you have any questions about the new organics collection program, contact your Zero Waste Specialist at 833-791-2376

How Do I Participate? To collect your kitchen food scraps, you can choose to use a portable, reusable pail-like container with a tight fitting lid. It could be plastic, metal, or ceramic. Consider reusing a coffee canister or large yogurt or margarine tub. Pails are widely available from retailers online and from hardware/home improvement stores. Storage ideas can include the kitchen counter, under the sink, in the freezer, or wherever you feel is best.



Participating is Easy. Fill your pail/container with food scraps and acceptable items. Liners are optional. Consider using newspaper or a paper bag. Plastic bags must be clear. (Note: Clear plastic bags are accepted in the organics container, but they will not be recycled or composted.)

Empty pail contents into your green organics container.

Rinse pail with soap and water, then repeat the process.

Tips: Sprinkle lightly with baking soda to absorb odors. Store meat and dairy scraps in a container in your freezer and place in the green organics container on collection day.

ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS WASTE

GREEN WASTE	FOOD SCRAPS	FOOD-SOILED PAPER*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flower & hedge trimmings • Grass clippings • Leaves & branches • Lumber, scrap wood, & plywood (not painted or treated) • Weeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread, rice, & pasta • Cheese & dairy • Coffee grounds & filters • Fruits & vegetables • Flowers & herbs • Meat, bones, & poultry • Seafood & soft shells • Pet food (non-medicated) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food-stained paper • Paper egg cartons • Paper napkins & kitchen towels • Pizza boxes • Plates • To-go boxes (no coating) • Wooden & fiber-based utensils

DO NOT INCLUDE

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents, & yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups & pods
- Fats, oils, & grease
- Food stickers (please remove)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins & towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment & wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks & soil
- Rubber bands & twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues & wet wipes

*Must be 100% fiber-based. NO materials with petroleum based plastic, wax, or bio-plastic coating, liner, or laminate.



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