

ORGANICS AND COMPOSTING

Transforming food excess and
reducing community waste.



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Organics Recycling in Glendale

In April, the City of Glendale rolled out Organics Recycling for all residences and businesses!

The new organics recycling service comes to Glendale due to SB 1383, a California Senate Bill requiring organics to be diverted from landfill and composted instead. This way our organic waste - which makes up 80% of landfills! - can be used for something else, reducing methane emissions and landfill waste.

First, what are organics? Organic waste is any items made of plant materials, or items that you eat. It includes food waste, paper towels, tissues, pizza boxes, egg shells, meat, cheese, and even bones!

To recycle your organics, place them in a clear plastic bag. If you live in a single-family home, place the bag in your green bin with your yard trimmings.

If you live in a multi-family home, ask your building manager to help you locate your organics recycling bin. If you don't have an organics recycling bin in your building, speak with your building manager to get one from your franchise hauler. You can also call your franchise hauler to request a bin for your building. To find your franchise hauler, check out the [Integrated Waste website](#). If you still don't receive an organics recycling bin, report this to the Integrated Waste Management team at 818 548 3916 or recycle@glendaleca.gov.



Food Scraps, Food-Soiled Paper Products, & Yard Trimmings

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Bones, Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Softshell
- Bread, Cheese, & Pastries
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Food-Soiled Paper Bags, Napkins, & Towels
- Pasta, Grains, Rice, & Beans
- Flowers, Branches, Leaves & Grass



Unacceptable

- Bathroom, Facial Tissue, or Wipes
- Compostable Cups or Utensils
- Flower Pots
- Hard Shell Seafood (Clams, Mussels, & Oysters)
- Human and Animal Waste
- Produce Stickers
- Tea Bags and Wrappers

Organics Recycling Questions Answered!

With this new program, we are sure that there are tons of questions about it. So, here are some commonly asked questions answered.

Why do we have to put our compost into a plastic bag?

Currently, Glendale is permitted to work with certain organizations to process organic waste. These processors need to manually examine the bags of compost to check that food waste is in them. This way they can separate the organics and food waste from the yard trimmings to be processed separately.

Will we always have to put our food waste and organics into plastic bags?

We hope not for the long term! But, for the current period, yes.

Are there kitchen pails to collect food waste at home?

You can receive a kitchen pail for your food waste. It's a pail small enough to put on your kitchen counter. To get your organics recycling pail, call the Integrated Waste Management Chevy Chase Office at 818 548 3916 or email



recycle@glendaleca.gov to pick up your pail at 548 W Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91204.

If you have any questions, email recycle@glendaleca.gov.

Alternatively, you can find compost pails on Facebook Marketplace, OfferUp, other second-hand marketplaces, and most stores that sell home goods.

I live in a multi-family building, and I don't have organics recycling.

If you live in a multi-family building, you should be receiving organics recycling services through one of the franchise haulers. Your franchise hauler should provide your building with an organics recycling bin. Find your franchise hauler is [here](#).

We recommend speaking with your building manager about getting the organics recycling bin. You can also call the franchise hauler to request a bin for your building.

I heard I was getting a green bin. Will I not have organics recycling until then?

Organics recycling is available to all Glendale residents right now, regardless of if you have a new green bin or not. The new green bins are to replace old bins and ensure bins are up-to-date on new color guidelines.

What is happening to the old green bins once they're replaced?

The old bins will be collected and recycled. The new green bins are also made of recycled materials.



For more on organics recycling, check out the [Organics Recycling Webpage](#). You can also check out the [Organics Recycling Webinar](#) where the Integrated Waste Team dives deeper into the organics recycling services. For questions, please email Recycle@GlendaleCA.gov.

Composting at Home



Interested in turning your food scraps and organics into nutritious compost for your garden? You can create compost at home!

The Integrated Waste Team has a [Composting webinar](#) you can check out to get started. In the meantime, here are a few ways to get started on at home composting.

2 Create a compost pile.

This is perhaps the first method of composting that comes to mind. It's a pile in your yard or a bin where you mix your organics to create compost.

You will need to create the right balance of brown material -carbon-rich items like wood-based and fibrous materials- and green materials - nitrogen-rich items like food scraps, green leaves, and coffee grounds. Make sure to have good ventilation and turn your compost for aeration.

1 Try the burying method.

It's as easy as it sounds: dig a hole and bury your compost. The microbes, worms, and insects in the soil will naturally break down your organics into compost.

Warning! You will want to bury your organics at least 6 inches down to prevent animals from digging it up. If you have a furry friend that likes to dig, perhaps this method isn't the best for you.

3 Use a worm bin for vermicomposting!

It's similar to the compost pile but you have the aid of worms to break down the organics. You have bins with multiple levels to place your organics, gather the compost, and collect any liquid byproduct (aka worm juice). There are large vermicomposting bins for backyards and gardens, but also small bins that are perfect for apartments and even countertops!

4 Try an electric or bokashi countertop composter.

If creating a compost pile and managing a crew of worms is too daunting, then a countertop composter may be right for you. You can choose an electric composter that expedites the composting cycle in a matter of hours to create nutrient-rich compost. You could also go with the bokashi method of composting where you layer organics with a bokashi inoculants to create compost through fermentation. In 7-10 days, you'll have nutrient-rich compost to mix in or bury into soil.



5 Drop off your organics at a composting site.

If you want to participate in a local community composting program, you can drop off organic waste and even pick up compost at various farmers' markets and community gardens around LA. LA Compost has a [map of compost drop-off](#) and pick-up sites.

If you're looking to find compost made from local organics recycling, Glendale's Integrated Waste Division is hosting a Free Compost Giveaway on November 5th. If you miss this one, there may be more coming in the future.

For more info on composting at home, check out the links below!

- <https://www.lacompost.org/start-composting>
- <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/public-works/integrated-waste-management/homes-apartment-complexes/composting>
- <https://kisstheground.com/how-to-compost-at-home/>

Community Gardens in Glendale

Have you always wanted to take up gardening as a hobby? But, didn't have the space to do so? Did you know that for only \$25 a year, you can make your garden salad dreams a reality by taking advantage of the City of Glendale's community gardens?

In this article, we are breaking down all 3 public community gardens and a garden community in Glendale, and let you know how you can get your hands dirty in a plot of your own!

Maryland Ave Park Community Garden

812 S. Maryland Ave.
Glendale, CA 91205

Verdugo Park Community Garden

1621 Cañada Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91208

Palmer Park Community Garden

610 East Palmer Avenue
Glendale, CA 91202



To get a plot at one of the city-run community gardens, families have to [register on an interest list](#). When the list fills up, they close until further notice. Previously, families could be on the interest list for long periods until a current plot owner forfeited their spot. But now, the Glendale Park Commission has approved a policy to allow each household to garden in a plot for a maximum of 5 years until they must reapply to allow other families to enjoy the garden.

To qualify for a spot you must:

- live within a 1/8 mile radius of each park
- check the interest list for available spots
- submit the online application

Check to see plot availability [here](#).

Be sure to bookmark the page and check back frequently to find out when there might be availability at a plot near you. For any additional questions regarding community gardens, contact Armen Tagakchyan at (818) 550-3487.

Monterey Road Eco-Community Gardens

Alternatively, if you're unable to receive a city-run community garden plot, try the Monterey Road Eco-Community Gardens (not run by the City). This is a community with 3 gardens along Monterey Road and Geneva Ave.

To inquire about plot availability and pricing, contact the Monterey Road Eco-Community gardens at ecocommunitygardens@gmail.com. You can also message them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Fun fact! These community gardens use reclaimed water for watering plants. The Monterey Road Eco-Community Garden (East) was the first community garden in the state to be entirely reliant upon reclaimed water.



Edible Food Recovery in Glendale

While walking down the aisle at the grocery store, have you ever wondered what happens to all the surplus food? Much of it used to go to waste, but now the City has a Food Recovery Program to distribute excess edible food to those who need it most in our community.

Certain large businesses (grocery stores, large institutions, etc.) and large public events participate in edible food recovery, though any business can donate surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed of. Edible food is defined as food that is intended for human consumption. By helping to recover surplus edible food, these businesses support the City's goal of Zero Waste.

As of January 2022, this requirement is limited to large grocery stores and wholesale food providers, but in January 2024 this requirement will extend to large restaurants, hotels, venues, and healthcare facilities.



To help businesses manage their donations and comply with requirements, the City has partnered with the Carelt App. Businesses can find non-profit recipients, schedule pick-up or self-delivery options, and access a record of their donations and written agreements.

In California, the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act has put protections in place for good faith food donors from liability to encourage food donations.

To learn more about the Edible Food Recovery Program, [click here](#).



CITY OF GLENDALE



FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY



**Saturday,
November 5, 2022**



**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
or while supply lasts**



**Lot 30 Parking Lot
1255 N Verdugo Rd.
Glendale, CA 91206**

**WE'RE LAUNCHING
A PODCAST!**



Click here to take a survey to let us know what you want to hear!

The Office of Sustainability is looking to break into the podcasting game! We're working on a new podcast focused on sharing news and tips about Sustainability, so going green is easier. But, we need your help!

Help choose the new title of the podcast, and let us know what topics to cover. We may even dedicate an entire episode to your idea!



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Write or draw your wish for a more sustainable and livable Glendale.

make housing more affordable

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growing trees that need less water at least!

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I wish for people to use sustainable and recyclable products.



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Let us know how you envision a greener, more sustainable, and equitable Glendale!

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



General Election November 8, 2022

ELECTION CALENDAR

October 10

Mailing of Vote by Mail
Ballots 10/10/2022 06:00 AM -
10/31/2022

October 24

Close of Voter Registration

October 29

Early Voting Starts (11-Day Vote
Centers)

November 5

Early Voting Starts (4-Day Vote
centers)



ATTENTION GCC STUDENTS

Did you know you can receive FREE unlimited rides on Metro, Beeline, and other public transportation systems?

It's part of the GCC GoPass program. All GCC students enrolled in at least 1 credit or noncredit course during the 2022-2023 academic year are eligible.

[Sign Up Here!](#)



**REPORT
WATER WASTE!**

Customers can anonymously report water waste by calling GWP's water waster hotline at **(818) 550-4426** or submitting an online form at www.GlendaleCA.gov/ReportWaterWaste.

Get in Contact:

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Sustainability@GlendaleCA.gov
818 548 4844

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