

# Automated Organics Recycling Collection is Coming to

# SIGNAL HILL!

In October 2021, EDCO will begin delivering automated green organics carts in Signal Hill. Residential customers will receive a new, GREEN 64-gallon wheeled cart for organics recycling.

Automated organics collection is a simple way for residents to collect grass, leaves, twigs and brush from your yard as well as food scraps from your kitchen while creating a uniform appearance on collection day.



"We'll Take Care of It"



# Keep a Lid on Storm Water Pollution!

In addition to efficient waste collection service. your new carts will help prevent storm water pollution in your neighborhood. Your carts' attached lid will keep your trash, recycling and organics sealed and secure. Storm-water runoff has been determined to be a major cause of water pollution. Unlike the sanitary sewer system where water is treated. runoff that enters a storm drain is not treated and discharges directly into areas receiving waters.

# New Automated Green Organics Collection Carts

Each single-family residential customer will be provided a green, wheeled cart that has a hinged lid and approximately 64 gallons of capacity. The 64-gallon cart is the equivalent of approximately two or more standard containers and is the same size as the current standard gray automated trash cart.

After the initial delivery and upon request, those residents who are unable to physically move the cart or have space constraints will be offered smaller cart sizes equaling the same 64-gallon capacity. For example, a 64-gallon cart can be substituted with two 32-gallon carts.

#### Can I Have More Than One Green Organics Cart?

Yes, after the initial new green organics cart is received, and to encourage additional organics recycling, residents can request up to 2 additional green carts at no extra cost. Residents requiring a fourth 64-gallon cart or more may request additional green carts for a monthly fee. Requests can be made by emailing csrsh@edcodisposal.com, texting a message to (562) 203-0295, visiting our Contact Us page online at edcodisposal.com (enter your zip code) and submit an online form, or by calling (562) 597-0608.













# Why Recycle Organic Waste?

Organic waste is a renewable natural resource. It mainly comes from yard and kitchen waste from homes, and landscape, food waste and scraps from industrial and commercial operations. Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step to achieving California's Zero Waste goals.

Organic waste accounts for over 40% of the material in California's waste stream. Organic material cannot break down when buried in a landfill, as it would in nature or in a compost pile because it decomposes without oxygen, releasing methane gas into the atmosphere. In an organics recycling program, organic waste is recycled into valuable compost or mulch used for soil restoration, or it can be recycled by anaerobic digestion, producing nutrient-rich biofertilizer, renewable energy, and even fuel. By recycling food waste, you are extending valuable landfill space, which also reduces CO2 emissions and preserves our environment!



### California State Mandates

With mandatory recycling deadlines on the horizon, EDCO's Organics Recycling program will allow the City of Signal Hill to meet compliance mandates including SB 1383, which is directly related to organic recycling in the State of California.

Establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20% of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.

#### What Can You do Now?

In the United States alone, a shocking 40% of food is uneaten, wasted and discarded. We as consumers are the largest producers of food waste, believe it or not, exceeding grocery stores and restaurants combined! So, the smallest changes add up and make a huge difference.

Food Finders is a non-profit food recovery organization with the mission of eliminating hunger and food waste while improving nutrition in food-insecure communities. This supports pantries, shelters, agencies, missions and more within a large part of the Southern California region. Food Finders coordinates all logistics of picking up and distributing your donated food, delivering same-day to a partner agency within your local area. No amount of food is too small or too big, whether it's perishable, nonperishable or prepared food. To learn more, call (562) 283-1400 or visit foodfinders.org.





#### WHEN WILL CARTS BE DELIVERED?

Automated green waste carts will be delivered to all residential customers between **October 18 - 22, 2021.** 

Automated organics recycling collection will begin on your regularly scheduled service day the week following delivery of your new automated green cart.

## **EDCO** is Here to Help You!

EDCO understands that questions may arise during this time of change and we are here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact our office online or call and speak with a customer service representative. EDCO will answer any questions you may have about this transition and will try to resolve any situations that arise. Remember, just contact EDCO and "We'll Take Care of It!"







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