



Does EMADCO offer Residential Organic (Yard/Food) Waste Collection?

EMADCO now offers a subscription-based weekly organic (yard/food) waste collection service for customers living in certain parts of the community.

The service includes a 64-gallon green cart picked up weekly for **\$25.00** per month.



FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS - ORGANIC COLLECTION

Why is EMADCO offering this service?

We are now offering a residential organic recycling program to comply with the statewide organics recycling mandate (SB 1383).

How will I know if I am required to have residential organic service?

Madera county along with EMADCO will be notifying all households that are required to participate in the program.

Why are we collecting organic waste now?

The State of California set a goal to reduce 75% of organic waste (food scraps and yard waste) sent to landfills by 2025. This goal helps reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by food and plant waste rotting in landfills. Instead, the organic waste will be transformed into compost.

What happens to my food and yard waste after they are collected?

Organic waste is hauled to Kerman and processed into nutrient-rich compost that will be reused in home gardens, parks, and agriculture.

Can I bag my organics before putting them in the bin?

Please do not place any type of bag (paper, plastic, or biodegradable) in the green organics bin.

How should I collect food scraps in my kitchen?

1. Find a container (preferably with a lid) to keep on your kitchen countertop or near your sink to collect food scraps.
2. Collect all food scraps in the container and empty it as needed into your green organics cart. Do not use any type of bag or plastic.
3. Add yard waste, if any, and place the cart at the curb every week.

What types of organic wastes are accepted in my green organics bin?

Food scraps and yard waste, including:

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| • Fruits & vegetables | • Eggshells | • Grass clippings | • Coffee grounds & paper coffee filters |
| • Bread, pasta, & other grains | • Cooked meats & bones | • Weeds | • Paper tea bags (no staples) |
| • Dairy products | • Shellfish | • Flowers | |
| | • All prepared foods | • Leaves and branches | |



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