



# Wise About Waste

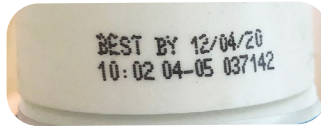
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## Reduce Food Waste - Understand Food Product Date Labels

Regardless of the date, consumers should always evaluate the quality of food prior to its consumption.

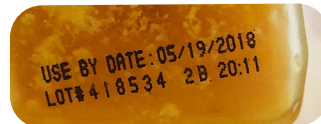
**"BEST BY"** Indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. Not a purchase/safety/expiration date.



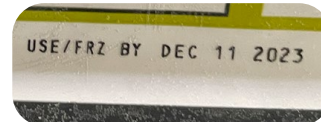
**"SELL BY"** Tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. Not a safety/expiration date.



**"USE BY"** Last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. Not a safety/expiration date **except when used on infant formula.**



**"FREEZE BY"** Indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. Not a purchase or safety date.



## 55 Years of Earth Day

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day.

You can participate this year by donating items in the Spring Clean Up (see other side) or attending one of Stanford's Earth Week events. Check out this year's events at: [sustainable.stanford.edu/earth-month-2025](https://sustainable.stanford.edu/earth-month-2025)



*Every step towards Zero Waste contributes to a healthier planet. Together, we can make an impact. Thank you for your efforts!*

## Use Your Kitchen Pail to Fight Climate Change



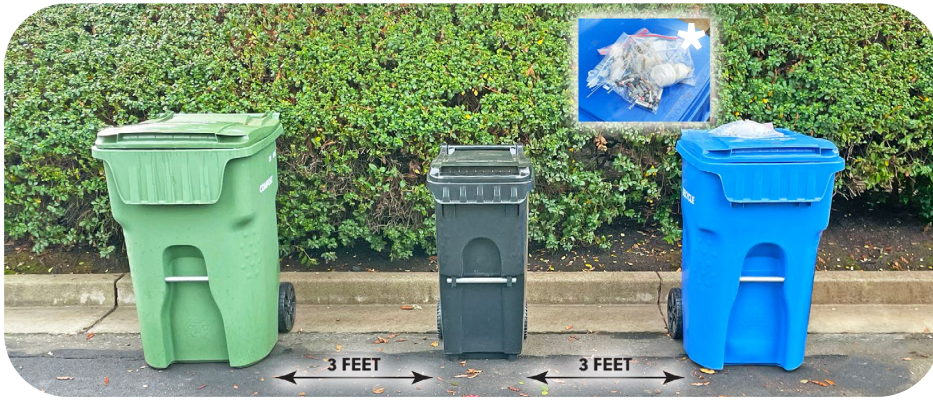
Landfills are the third largest source of methane in California.\*

Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. Reducing organic waste in our landfills by recycling and composting properly can have a huge impact on the climate crisis.

**Compost all fresh, frozen, cooked & moldy food scraps, & food-soiled paper.**

Use your kitchen pail to collect and store food scraps and food-soiled paper. Then use the pail to transport the material to your green compost cart for collection. Do not leave the pail at the curb for collection.

\*Source: [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp)



## THE PERFECT CURBSIDE SETOUT Cart Placement for Quieter, Quicker Waste Collection

*Our new automated collection vehicles are here! These new trucks run off compressed natural gas (CNG), making them cleaner and quieter than ever before. Please remember to leave 3 feet between your carts to allow for the hydraulic gripper arm to service them properly.*

- Be sure your carts are at the curb by 6am on your collection day. Leave 3 feet between each cart whenever possible.
  - Please leave the carts at the curb until we've emptied them. Our trucks can arrive at different times each week.
  - Please place your carts facing the street, wheels against the curb, and the lid closed. Customers with alleys should place carts in the alley.
  - Only leave cardboard next to your cart if your cart is full, or the cardboard does not fit inside it.
  - Be mindful to keep carts away from obstacles such as parked cars, fire hydrants, low-hanging branches, and utility poles.
  - Please do not overload your carts. Make sure the lids close. Doing so helps keep the material dry, prevents litter, and discourages critters.
  - Please remember that your collection carts must be put away, out of public view, after servicing.
- \*Recycle More! Place bagged household batteries and CFL lightbulbs on top of your recycling cart for collection.*

### HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The collection service schedule will **NOT** change during the weeks of Easter and Memorial Day. Please be sure to put your carts out for collection by 6am on your regular service day.

### Questions? Contact PSSI.

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Looking for more information about what goes where?



When in doubt, find out!

Scan the code for a searchable tool to help with proper waste sorting.

### Mark Your Calendar

The 2025 Spring Clean Up is March 29, 2025. Watch your mailbox for a postcard.



Items in good, clean, and working condition will be collected for reuse. Items must be set aside from other material and be labeled "REUSE". Scan the QR code or visit [pssirecycling.com/faculty-staff/bulky](http://pssirecycling.com/faculty-staff/bulky) for more info, a downloadable sign, and a sample list of accepted items.

