



Wise About Waste

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Fight Climate Change From Your Kitchen

*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. Washing your pail with soap and water after emptying or lining your pail with newspaper or paper bags can help keep your kitchen and cart mess-free!

Where does it go? Compostable material is sent to Republic Services' Newby Island Compost Facility in Milpitas, California. Over the course of 90-180 days, the compostable material breaks down into nutrient-rich, certified organic compost that's sold for use in gardens and on farms. Compost provides nutrients back to the soil, improving plant growth, reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers, conserving water, and sequestering carbon.

Enjoy the benefits of your composting efforts! PSSI offers free finished compost for residential customers' use. Want to give your garden a boost? Call us at (650) 321-4236 for more info.

*Sources: CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp



Cast Your Scraps
Don't Trash Your Vote



Every time you cast your scraps into the compost bin, you are voting for a more sustainable community. Whether you want to conserve resources, reduce pesticides, or just do your part, sorting your food scraps into the compost bin is one of the easiest actions you can take every day to help combat climate change. Tell us why you "cast your scraps" in the compost bin to be featured in the campaign!

Do you need support setting up food scrap sorting at home? Contact PSSI to claim your kitchen pail and for other tips and tricks.

56 Years of Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 is the 56th anniversary of Earth Day.

You can participate early this year by donating items in the Spring Clean-Up on March 14th (*see right*), or attending one of Stanford's Earth Month events. Check out this year's events at: Sustainable.Stanford.edu/calendar



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

“Sell By” Label Gets the Boot!

California law AB660 will be hitting the shelves on July 1, 2026,

requiring manufacturers to use the same phrasing for date labels across all food products. Shoppers will now see “BEST if Used By” to communicate peak quality, and “Use By” to communicate product safety, reducing the confusion consumers face with the various “sell by” phrasing littering the shelves and aisles.

Confusion around food date labels is one of the leading drivers of food waste, which Californians throw away 5-6 million tons of each year. AB660 aims to reduce food waste and save consumers money, all while reducing climate warming emissions.

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.



Mark Your Calendar



The 2026 Spring Clean Up is March 14, 2026. 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”.

For more info, a downloadable sign, and a sample list of accepted items. Scan the QR code or visit pssirecycling.com/faculty-staff/bulky



Can it be Composted? Find out here:



When in doubt, find out!

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

Questions? Contact PSSI.

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