

DID YOU KNOW...
...you can now **RECYCLE**
Food Scraps

ALONG WITH YOUR YARD TRIMMINGS?

It's TRUE, and here's WHY we think it's such a great idea:

With this new program, San Leandro will help save landfill space and conserve resources. By recycling food, we complete a natural cycle and create a valuable compost material for farmers and gardeners. (See other side for more.) As one of the first cities in the Bay Area to have this service, we are role models for the whole region!

Here's what you do:

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**COLLECT YOUR
FOOD SCRAPS AND
FOOD-SOILED PAPER**

Alameda County Industries (ACI) delivered a pail to you a few months ago to make collecting food scraps easier. Line the pail with a paper bag or newspaper to keep it clean. **Using the pail is not required.** You can collect food scraps in paper milk cartons, paper bags or any other paper container that works for you.

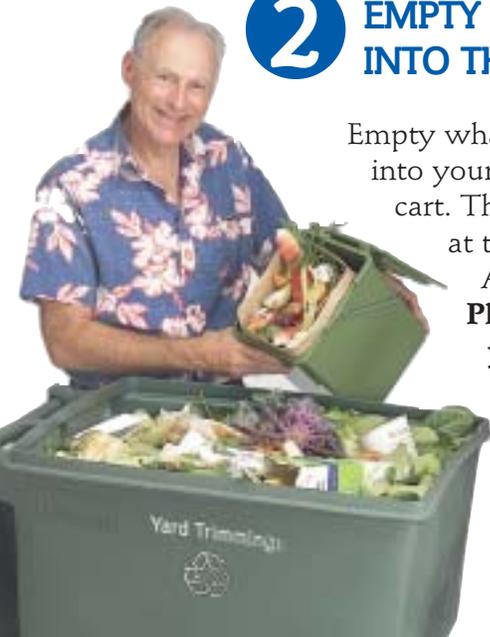


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**EMPTY FOOD SCRAPS
INTO THE GREEN CART**

Empty what you've collected into your yard trimmings cart. Then, put the cart out at the curb as usual for ACI to pick up.

Please do not put your green pail at the curb.



ACCEPTED

- Fruits and vegetables
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Breads and pastas
- Meat and bones
- Food-soiled paper: *pizza boxes, paper bags, paper towels and napkins, paper plates, newspaper and waxed paper containers, such as milk and juice cartons.*

NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic bags
- Plastic containers
- Styrofoam
- Glass
- Metals
- Liquids

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For **QUESTIONS** and tips about how to recycle your food scraps, please call the City of San Leandro's Recycling Hotline at (510) 577-6026.

ACI offers **YARD TRIMMINGS CARTS IN A VARIETY OF SIZES** (32-, 64-, and 96-gallon). Call ACI at (510) 357-7282 for a cart size most suitable for your needs.

IF YOU'RE ALREADY PARTICIPATING in San Leandro's new Residential Food Scrap Collection Program, please talk to your friends and neighbors. Let them know you're recycling your leftover food and how you do it. If you're having any problems, please call the hotline listed above. We can help. **THANK YOU** for making this innovative program a success!



We buy food at grocery stores and farmers markets.



We cook food at home.



We share a meal with our loved ones.



The farmers deliver their produce to a market near you, and **THE CYCLE BEGINS AGAIN!**



Farmers use the finished compost to help grow new crops.



Then it is put into piles (called "windrows") where it takes 3 to 4 months to break down into compost.

Food Scrap RECYCLING

The Endless Cycle

In the landfill, "garbologists" have found heads of lettuce and hot dogs over 10 years old, still intact! By using the green yard trimmings cart, you bypass the "dry tomb" of the landfill and allow food waste to be handled **the way nature intended**. Recycling food scraps into compost saves landfill space and returns nutrients to the soil and food to our table. Be a part of this endless, natural cycle.



We place our leftovers into the new **food scrap pail**, instead of the garbage.



We empty the pail into the green yard trimmings cart.



ACI delivers our food and yard trimmings to a facility where it is processed for composting.



Next, Alameda County Industries (ACI) collects our yard trimmings and food scraps from our green yard trimmings cart.