



“One Person’s Trash ...”

Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling



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A Newsletter from
The Torrance Public Works
Department

Winter 2022

New State Requirements for Organic Waste

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1383 into law, establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes a target to achieve a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025.

Methane emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills are a significant source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to global climate change. Organic materials — including waste that can be readily prevented, recycled, or composted — account for a significant portion of California's overall waste stream. Increasing food waste prevention, encouraging edible food rescue, and expanding the composting and in-vessel digestion of organic waste throughout the state will help reduce methane emissions from organic waste disposed of in California's landfills.



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How Will the City of Torrance Address These Challenges?

- **Collection and Recycling:** By January 1, 2023, the City of Torrance will provide mandatory organic waste collection services to all single-family residential and multi-family residential customers serviced by the City. Food scraps will be mixed with your green waste for composting.
- **Using Recycled Organics Products:** Beginning in 2022, the City of Torrance will be required to annually purchase mandated amounts of the products made from this recycled organic material, such as compost, renewable energy, mulch, and recycled paper.
- **Food Recovery:** Starting in 2022, certain businesses that generate surplus, edible food must offer it to food recovery organizations at no cost.
- **Enforcement:** As mandated by SB 1383, the City of Torrance must adopt an ordinance to enforce the provisions in the law on residents and businesses to comply with the state's climate goals and the 75% organic waste diversion goal. The City anticipates adopting this ordinance early this year.
- **Cost Recovery:** In response to these new regulatory requirements, the City of Torrance Sanitation Services Division will be conducting a comprehensive rate study to determine revenue requirements and rate structures to comply with SB 1383.

SB 1383 Educational Resources

The City of Torrance has compiled educational resources regarding SB 1383 to assist residents and businesses with the implementation of new organic waste recycling requirements.

- California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy: CalRecycle.CA.Gov/Organics/SLCP
- New Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection: CalRecycle.CA.Gov/Organics/SLCP/Collection
- SB 1383 Education and Outreach Resources: CalRecycle.CA.Gov/Organics/SLCP/Education
- Organic Materials Management: CalRecycle.CA.Gov/Organics

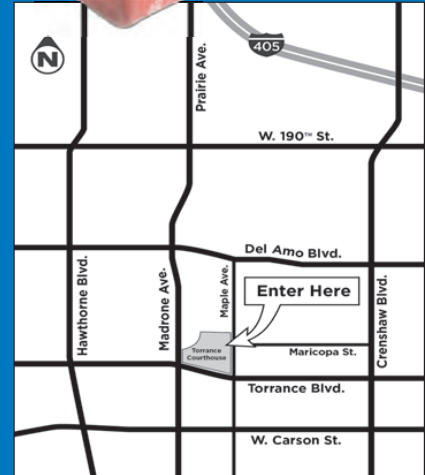
Watch for more updates from the City in the coming months.

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Sunday, February 6 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 Torrance Courthouse Parking Lot
 825 Maple Avenue
 Torrance, CA 90503



COVID-19 Precautions



Do not attend if you have

1. Any COVID-19 symptoms
2. Been asked to quarantine
3. Recently traveled internationally



Wear a face covering



Stay in your vehicle with windows closed, if possible

CHEMICALS



- ◆ Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.

PAINTS & SOLVENTS



- ◆ Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.

E-WASTE



- ◆ No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).

SHARPS



- ◆ Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.

- ◆ Open to Los Angeles County residents. No business waste accepted.

- ◆ Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.



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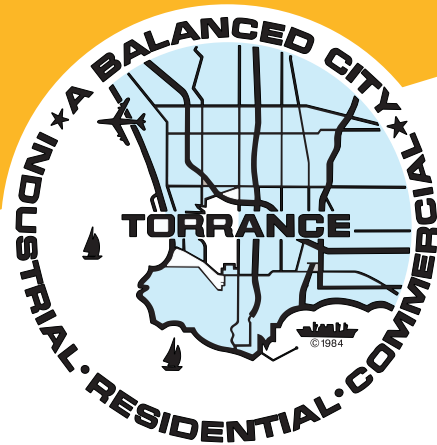
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2022

RECYCLE A USED OIL FILTER AND GET A NEW ONE FOR FREE!*



O'Reilly Auto Parts
4308 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505

SATURDAY

February 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Open to Torrance residents only. Torrance residents may receive up to 2 new filters in exchange for 2 used filters. While supplies last.



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USED OIL
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RESIDENTS WHO BRING IN USED OIL OR USED FILTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A **FREE** OIL CHANGE KIT!

RESIDENTS MUST BRING A USED OIL FILTER TO THE STORE TO RECEIVE A NEW **FREE** OIL FILTER.

USED OIL MUST BE PROPERLY STORED IN A CLEAN, UNCONTAMINATED CONTAINER. LIMIT - 5 GALLONS MAX.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL **888-HEY-SLICK**

Are We Still in a Drought?

The simple answer is yes; unfortunately, we are still in a drought. The State experienced a very wet December and major portions of the state received over 50% of their normal average precipitation. However, one good precipitation month does not mean the rest the “wet winter months” will result in major rain or snowfall in our key local and imported watersheds. As shown on the “U.S. Drought Monitor Map,” most of the state, including Southern California, is still in either a moderate or severe drought condition. Droughts are a frequent occurrence and they have become more severe and unpredictable. Therefore, it is imperative that we all do our part to conserve and preserve our limited water resources.

The good news is that you can make a positive contribution and both save water and reduce your water bill by avoiding wasteful uses of water and adopting some simple conservation practices.

Avoid these wasteful water uses:

- Applying water to outdoor landscapes that results in excessive runoff
- Washing a vehicle without an automatic shutoff valve
- Washing down impervious hard surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, etc.)
- Irrigating landscaped areas within 48 hours of a rain event
- Operating decorative fountains without a re-circulating water system
- Not repairing leaks in a timely manner

Here some proven conservation tips:

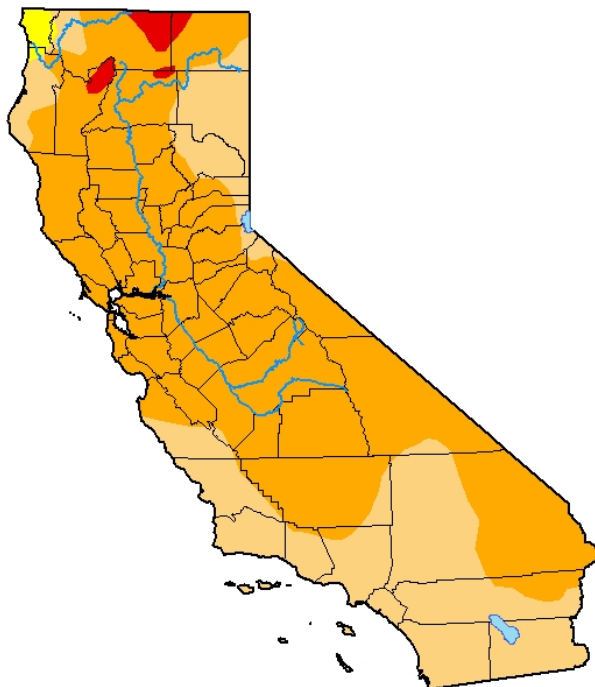
- Run only full loads in dish and clothes washers
- Take shorter showers – 5 minutes or less
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid overspray
- Add mulch around trees and plants
- Install a “smart” irrigation controller that automatically adjusts your watering time to weather conditions
- Install water efficient fixtures, toilets, and clothes washers

For information regarding rebates for water efficient fixtures, equipment, and appliances visit: BeWaterWise.Com

We wish to thank all of you for your past and current conservation efforts.

U.S. Drought Monitor California

January 18, 2022
(Released Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Changes in Your Curbside Recycling Cart

Effective January 2022, we no longer accept plastics labeled #3-7, such as dairy tubs, yogurt containers, plastic bags, carryout containers, and similar items. The only recyclable plastics accepted are #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) bottles and jugs. In addition to PET and HDPE bottles and jugs, we continue to accept aluminum, steel, and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, newspaper, magazines, mail, office and similar papers, paperboard, and cardboard boxes.

The City of Torrance Sanitation Services Division announces this change in response to both State legislation and market conditions for recyclables. The Statewide Commission on Curbside Recycling, which was established by the California Legislature and Governor, has provided advice to CalRecycle and municipalities to improve the effectiveness of curbside recycling programs. One of their recommendations is to reduce contamination in curbside programs by focusing on collection of the most readily recyclable materials only.

Recyclables are commodities used in manufacturing of new products. At present, there are not reliable markets for post-consumer plastics other than bottle-shaped PET and HDPE. As a result, other plastics need to be separated during sorting and disposed of, adding costs to the recycling process and potentially contaminating acceptable recyclables.

To learn more, visit TorranceCA.Gov/our-city/public-works/what-goes-in-waste-bins or call (310) 781-6900.



YES! Recycle these items:

- Bottles & Jars
- Paper
- Metal Cans
- Cardboard



NO! Don't recycle these:



Mark Your Calendars!

Earth Day Recycling Event

Free Confidential Paper Shredding and Electronic Waste Recycling Drop-Off
Saturday April 23, 2022, from 8 a.m. to noon
Torrance City Hall Employee Parking Lot
3031 Torrance Boulevard

No hazardous materials will be accepted. Torrance Residents ONLY; proof of residency will be required (ID or current utility bill).



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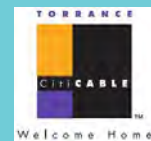
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