

Curbside Organics Collection Coming to Sacramento County

Sacramento County's Department of Waste Management & Recycling (DWMR) will soon increase its residential curbside service to include the collection of Organics – food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings/green waste. Learn more about organics at SacGreenTeam.com

SB 1383 Goal –
75% reduction in
organic waste
disposal by **2025**

Senate Bill 1383 (2016) is the most significant waste reduction law to be adopted in California

since 1989. It targets a 75% reduction in the landfilling of organic waste by 2025. Roughly, half of what Californians send to landfills is organics (food scraps, food-soiled paper, and green waste).

When landfilled, the breakdown of organic waste creates methane gas, which can be a source of fuel. At the County's Kiefer Landfill, this methane is captured and made into electricity on-site for approximately 8,900 homes locally. At landfills without gas control systems, methane may be released to the air, where it slows the heat from



sunlight from leaving the atmosphere and is significantly more impactful than carbon dioxide. Reducing the amount of methane in 20 years is essential to avoid the worst impacts of extreme weather. In the air, methane makes health issues like asthma, and other lung and heart diseases worse. It also affects the earth's temperature, weather, and is 21 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.

The goal of SB 1383 is to change how organic material is managed and the behavior of every person in the State. It also mandates changes to DWMR's operations and what will be required of our customers. To make this change easier, the current DWMR curbside Green Waste cart is slated to become the Organics cart.

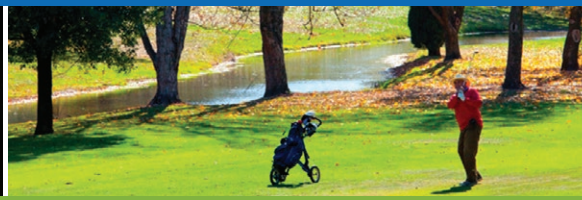
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Board Approves Initial ARPA-Funded Projects

The Board of Supervisors approved the initial project recommendations for Phase One Funding Allocations for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The funds come from the total of first allocation \$150 million, which the County received in May 2021.



Project proposals had to fit in one of the three Board-approved strategic investments for priority issue areas: Housing and Homelessness, Health, or Economic Response. For project details, please visit www.SacCounty.gov/ARPA.

Housing and Homelessness

Landlord Engagement and Re-Housing Supports: \$10 million

This program will improve re-housing outcomes for people experiencing homelessness with an array of supportive services, landlord engagement strategies and incentives, and flexible rental subsidies.

Sacramento County Social Health Connect: \$5 million

A Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) is a countywide data infrastructure that links medical, behavioral health, social service and housing data from multiple sources.

Community Nursing Encampment Unit Pilot: \$700,000

This public health nursing team will provide outreach, client advocacy and professional case management to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Community Nursing Children and Families Unit: \$1.5 million

This Public Health Nursing team will provide nursing assessments and interventions, care coordination, linkages to health resources, and health education to pregnant and parenting families experiencing, or who are at risk of, homelessness.

Encampment Management Information Database: \$160,000

This project will allow for the development of a web-based Encampment Management Information Tracking (EMIT) database to help County staff and contractors track and manage response to homeless encampments.

River District Outreach Navigation: \$160,000

The County will dedicate two contracted outreach/housing navigators to specifically work in the River District as a one-year pilot program.

Health

Substance Use Respite and Engagement Center: \$2.6 million

Funding to support the Substance Use Respite and Engagement (SURE) Center program operated by WellSpace Health.

Project Roomkey Medical Services: \$1 million

Provides medical services for individuals in Project RoomKey.

Emergency Medical Services Equipment: \$107,000

Funding will provide equipment and supplies in the event of a COVID-19 resurgence or Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation.

Primary Health Clinic Staffing: \$2.5 million

Funding will support additional temporary staff to increase service capacity at the clinic.

Pandemic Technology Needs: \$350,000

Will fund increased contracted IT Services and staffing support to track data and provide care for the community.

Juvenile Medical Services Staffing: \$191,500

Funding will support an additional registered nurse at the Youth Detention Facility.

Employee COVID Vaccination and Testing Program: \$300,000

Add temporary help to support one current staff member in the administration of the County Employee COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Program.

Academic Support and School Readiness: \$1.2 million

This project addresses the negative impact of academic disruption and remote learning due to the pandemic on foster children, families and caretakers.

Building Strong Families: \$3.9 million

Funding will go toward Family Support Navigators to connect families to critical services in geographic locations that were hardest hit by COVID-19.

Sacramento County Social Health Connect: \$5 million

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Bradshaw Shelter Seeks Kitten Fosters & Donations

Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as “kitten season,” when cats begin to give birth to countless kitten litters. Typically beginning in late spring and continuing throughout summer, kitten season stretches the already-thin resources animal shelters and rescues have when the influx of unwanted kittens and cats crowd shelter and kennel space.

The Bradshaw Shelter’s Foster Care Program helps save lives and space during this hectic season. Residents interested in becoming fosters should submit a foster application to FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net. Foster applications can be

found online at saccountyshelter.net. The shelter provides all food, bedding, supplies, toys and more at no cost to the foster.

Working outside of the home doesn’t need to be an impediment to becoming a foster; most animals in foster care do not require constant monitoring. Typically, animals who need fostering are kittens and puppies less than two months old.

As far as space for fostering, a bathroom, laundry room or spare bedroom is typically appropriate. The time commitment for fostering can be anywhere from one to six weeks, depending on the animal’s size at the time of fostering.



For more information about fostering, including fostering FAQs, visit the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter website at saccountyshelter.net.

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infrastructure that links medical, behavioral health, social service and housing data from multiple sources.

Economic Response

Retail Food Permit Fee Waiver: \$6.8 million

Waive the annual operating permit fees from the Environmental Management Department for approximately 7,161 retail food businesses in Sacramento County.

Chamber of Commerce Grants: \$525,000

Direct grants of \$25,000 to Chambers of Commerce located in unincorporated Sacramento County for operations dedicated to small business supportive programs related to equitable economic recovery efforts.

Property and Business Improvement District Grants: \$850,000

Direct grants to Property and Business Improvement Districts (PBIDs) located in Sacramento County for operations dedicated to small business supportive programs related to equitable economic recovery efforts.

Sacramento Inclusive Economic Development Collaboration, Business Support Services: \$1.8 million

Fund the Sacramento Inclusive Economic Development Collaboration (Sac IEDC) for operations dedicated to providing assistance to businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Arts and Non-Profit Cultural Grants

Direct grants in the range of \$5,000–\$100,000 to up to 300 arts and non-profit cultural organizations that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Small Business and Non-Profit Grants: \$7.5 million

Direct grants of \$5,000 to 1,500 Small Business and Non-Profit organizations in unincorporated Sacramento County that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Business Support Services: \$660,000

Fund the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce for operations dedicated to providing assistance to businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Business Environmental Resources Center, Business Support Services: \$200,000

Fund the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) for operations dedicated to providing assistance to businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

The County will receive the second installment of \$150 million in ARPA funds in May 2022.

For more information, visit the County’s American Rescue Plan Act webpage at www.saccounty.gov/ARPA.

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Organics cart – What’s in?



- » **Green Waste:** grass clippings, leaves, weeds, landscape prunings, clean wood scraps
- » **Food-Soiled Paper:** napkins, paper towels, uncoated paper plates/cups, coffee grounds/filters, tea bags, greasy pizza boxes
- » **Food Scraps:** fruits & vegetables and their trimmings, cheese, eggs/shells, meat scraps & bones, uneaten, spoiled food

Organics cart – What’s out?



- » **No Pet Waste/Cat Litter/Diapers** (put in garbage)
- » **No Coated Paper:** many food and beverage containers and paper plates have thin layers of plastic or metal (put in garbage)
- » **No Plastics:** grocery bags, zip-top bags, plastic food wrap, food and beverage containers - including Styrofoam™, utensils, compostable plastics as they will not fully break down at our local compost facilities (reuse or put in garbage)
- » **No Glass:** food and beverage containers (recycle)
- » **No Metal:** aluminum food and beverage containers, foil (recycle)

What are the benefits of sorting and composting Organics rather than landfilling organic material?

- » Composting organics uses oxygen and makes some carbon dioxide, but produces a beneficial, healthy soil to grow food and conserve water
- » Compost is an organic fertilizer that feeds the soil and replaces petroleum-based fertilizers
- » Separating organics from your garbage saves valuable landfill space



Easy tips for collecting food scraps:

- » Use a kitchen pail or recycled food container with lid to collect your food scraps throughout the day
- » Use a brown paper bag to line your kitchen container or use food-soiled paper towels, or newspaper
- » Store kitchen container on your counter, under the sink, or in the refrigerator or freezer
- » Empty your kitchen container daily into your Organics cart to reduce flies or odors indoors

Note: Using your garbage disposal more will affect wastewater treatment plants, can clog sewer lines and increase water usage. Remember, do not put fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain, instead: can it, scrape it. Learn more at StopTheClog.com.

Easy tips for reducing odors and pests:

- » Drain excess liquid from food scraps
- » Freeze/refrigerate scraps before adding to the Organics cart
- » Add food scraps and food-soiled paper to a paper bag before it's put in the Organics cart
- » Sprinkle the inside of the Organics cart with baking soda
- » Layer green waste, then food scraps in your Organics cart

Residential customers will receive a mailed Collection Calendar and Guide in June regarding Organics service, and updates will be available at www.SacGreenTeam.com.