

Dear Residents:

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires all residents and businesses to recycle food scraps and yard waste starting January 1, 2022. Our property worked with the City of Laguna Niguel and its waste hauler CR&R Environmental Services to set up a centralized food scrap recycling service for our residents. **State regulations (SB 1383) require that all residents recycle food scraps, including any fruit/vegetable trimmings, bones, eggshells, expired food, etc.**

Each trash area will have a new container for the collection of food scraps. The green cart is smaller than the trash and recycling dumpsters and has a bright green lid to easily distinguish where to place food scraps. See Image 1 below.

Participation in this new program will help reduce food scraps from entering our local landfills. As food scraps decomposes in the landfill, it creates large amounts of methane gas. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that traps heat in our atmosphere which is harmful to our environment and climate. Recycling food scraps reduces the amount of material going to our landfills and enables us to reuse these valuable nutrients as renewable natural gas and compost.

Our property and City representatives will continue to provide educational resources and opportunities to its residents about the new food scrap recycling program. This will include door-to-door education and outreach, educational town halls, and distribution of kitchen pails to all residents.

- Please check out an organics recycling video produced by the City of Laguna Niguel at the QR code (or visit bit.ly/LNOrganics) for tips on how to participate in the food scrap recycling program.



Any questions about the new program can be directed to property management.

Please note that the City and CR&R are providing internal collection containers like the 2-gallon kitchen pail pictured below **free of charge**. If you would like one of these kitchen pails, please coordinate with property management. You are also welcomed to use your own collection tools – such as plastic food storage containers, large mixing bowls, ASTM D6400 certified compostable bags – to collect food scrap material in your kitchen.



Image 1. 60-gallon food scrap recycling cart for CR&R waste hauler collection. Image not to scale.



Image 2. 2-gallon internal collection container for kitchen food scraps. Image not to scale.