

# Trash & Recycling Rates Effective 7/1/21

Rates for 1-unit homes include trash, compost, recycling and bulky pickup service.



20 gal	32 gal	64 gal	96 gal
\$46.13/mo.	\$52.36/mo.	\$92.29/mo.	\$138.62/mo.
\$138.39/qtr.	\$157.08/qtr.	\$276.87/qtr.	\$415.86/qtr.

Rates for 2-4 unit homes include trash, compost, recycling and bulky pickup service.

- Minimum trash service capacity is 20 gallons per unit.
- Choose individual or shared containers to meet your needs.

20 gal	\$30.14/mo.	\$90.42/qtr.
32 gal	\$36.37/mo.	\$109.11/qtr.
64 gal	\$76.30/mo.	\$228.90/qtr.
96 gal	\$122.63/mo.	\$367.89/qtr.
You will be billed an additional \$15.99 per unit per month for recycling service.		

- Free backyard collection service for qualifying frail seniors and disabled residents.
- Rate discount available for qualifying, low-income seniors.

Contact Waste Management at 510-613-8710 to apply.

## Recyclables Must Be Loose!

Recyclables must be placed loose into your recycling cart, free of a plastic bag liner to ensure workers are able to see the items and separate them by material type.

**Why aren't plastic bags, film plastic, clear thin plastic and bubble wrap accepted in the recycling cart?**



Film plastic contaminates the recycling and slows down the recycling process by jamming or damaging machines used to separate recycling by material type. When film plastic and plastic bags mix with other recyclables, they are difficult to sort out. Plastic bags also create a health and safety hazard for recycling workers. Sealed plastic bags of material put in your recycle cart are not opened and are landfilled. Please keep recycling loose to ensure recycling is given a second life and turned into new products.



**What other plastics don't belong in your recycling cart?**

Toys, children pools, single use utensils, plates, cups and straws, household blinds, hangers, and hoses are not allowed in Oakland's recycling program.



# No Plastic Bags in Compost Containers!

Please do not bag your food scraps, food soiled paper or yard debris in plastic bags.



## Why aren't plastic bags accepted in the compost cart?

Everything you put in the compost cart goes to a composting facility to be made into finished compost for use by farmers to grow new crops. If your item would not decompose out in nature, don't put it in your compost cart. Plastic bags of any kind will not break down and contaminate finished compost and the soil. Only put food-scraps, food-soiled paper (such as coffee filters, paper plates, napkins, and paper towels) and plant debris into your compost cart. These items decompose and make good compost.



## How can I prevent the "ick" factor of disposing food scraps without a plastic bag?

1. Place your food scraps into a reusable container\*, then empty directly into your outside green compost cart.
2. Use a paper bag, or wrap your food scraps in newspaper and throw that into your outside green compost cart.
3. Use newspaper or shredded paper to line your kitchen pail or outside green compost cart, this will help absorb moisture and odors.

\*Request a free kitchen pail from WMAC by calling 510-613-8710.

# Using Your Compost Cart Fights Climate Change



Oaklanders continue to prevent greenhouse gas emissions by putting their food scraps and plant debris in their compost cart. If organic waste is buried in the landfill, it releases methane gas which contributes to climate change. Using finished compost in the garden fights climate change by pulling carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into the plants' roots. Using compost in the garden also enhances fertility, soil structure, and improves nutrient and water retention into the soil.

## Have items that won't fit in your containers? Use the Bulky Pickup program - it is **FREE!**

Participation in Oakland's Bulky Pickup Service helps reduce illegal dumping and keeps our city clean. Report abandoned waste to Oakland Public Works at [SeeClickFix.com/Oakland](http://SeeClickFix.com/Oakland) or call the OPW Call Center at (510) 615-5566.

Visit [OaklandRecycles.com/bulky-pickup-services](http://OaklandRecycles.com/bulky-pickup-services) for full service information or call Waste Management to schedule your appointment today at (510) 613-8710.

