

# Compost Giveaway

March 21, 2015 • 8:00–10:30AM  
 Garden Grove Public Works Yard  
 13802 Newhope Street

Republic Services together with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away **FREE** compost to residents to say thank you for participating in our green waste recycling program. Because this event is so popular, we have a "while the supplies last" and a limit of 60-gallons per household. *Please bring your own buckets or containers, no bags please.*



Go to [Facebook.com/RepublicServicesSoCal](https://www.facebook.com/RepublicServicesSoCal) and click 'Like' to learn more about upcoming events, recycling and reducing waste in your community.

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### Contact Us

- Trash Collection Service ..... 714-238-3300
- Household Hazardous Waste ..... 714-834-6752
- Recycling Center ..... 714-238-3301
- Public Disposal Center ... 714-238-3301
- Residential Motor Oil Collection ..... 800-449-7587
- Trash Billing ..... 714-238-3300
- Street Sweeping Citation, Storm Drains and Sewers ..... 714-741-5375



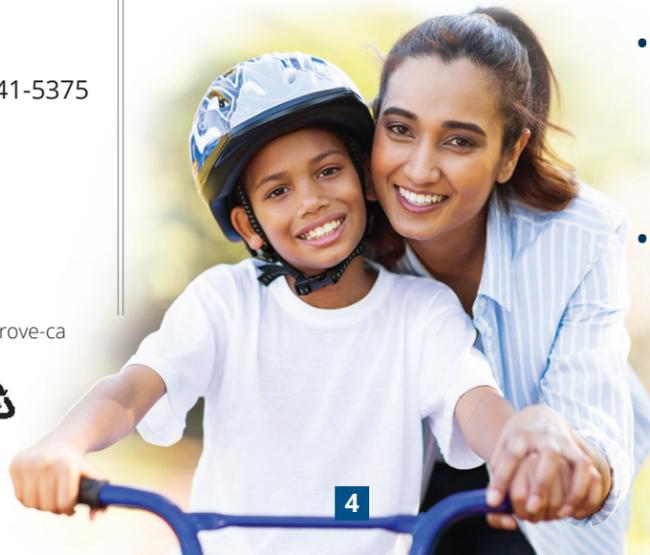
[RepublicServices.com/site/Garden-Grove-ca](http://RepublicServices.com/site/Garden-Grove-ca)



### Child Safety—Play It Safe!

At Republic Services, we care about your child's safety. Our trucks drive up and down the streets of your community every day, starting and stopping multiple times, and we want to make sure your kids are safe when walking or riding their bikes or scooters. Take time today to talk to your kids about these important safety tips:

- Cross the street at a crosswalk. Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. If there is no crosswalk, cross at the corner.
- Remember that trucks can take up to 40 percent longer than cars to come to a complete stop. It is always best to let trucks pass before crossing a street.
- Watch out for vehicles making right turns. Before stepping off the curb, make sure there is not a car behind you about to make a right turn directly into your path.
- Make sure your child wears a bicycle helmet, knows how to read street signs, makes hand signals and understands which lane to ride in.



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### Small Changes Make a Difference

Garden Grove is a city we're all proud to call home, and it takes commitment from all of us to maintain the safety and health of our community. The choices we make every day like recycling and picking up litter can support a healthy, clean environment for us all.

Before getting into recycling, consider precycling. Precycling is examining food and product packaging before making your purchase. The National Recycling Coalition suggest: "In the store you may ask, 'Is this nutritious? Is it fattening?' Now ask, 'How is it packaged?'" Look for products that use less packaging. We can eliminate a third of what we throw away just by considering the packaging before buying.

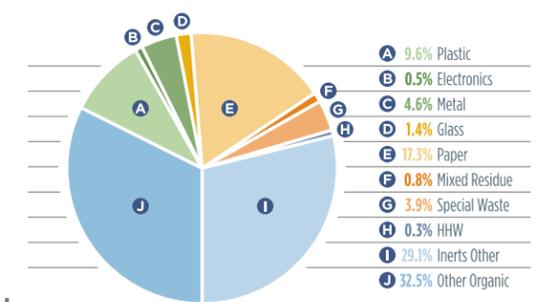
Taking a few extra minutes each day to sort your waste will reduce the amount of trash you have, and it will ensure that recyclables are being recovered and not sent to landfills. It is estimated that a majority of the nation's trash sent to landfills could be recycled, but it isn't. The graph to the right shows the percentage of different materials that make up our landfilled trash. A lot of this trash is recyclable, but it is ending up in the waste stream and sent to landfills instead of being recycled or reused.

#### In Home Ease

Having an additional container in your kitchen can ease the recycling process before trash is taken out. A small container can be placed near

the trash container in the kitchen for items that are recyclable—glass, aluminum, plastic, paper, etc. Place these items in the recyclable container immediately so they are not forgotten and thrown out as trash.

Materials Comprising Landfill Trash



#### When In Doubt, Throw It Out

If you have you ever spent time trying to decide if something is or isn't recyclable, keep in mind that it's best to throw something out if there is a doubt—this will help to avoid contaminating recyclables or yard waste. Check for the recyclable symbol on any item you think may be recyclable. The "chasing arrows in a triangle" symbol will appear if in fact, the item is meant to be recycled. If the symbol isn't present, or if you have questions or need information about what is and isn't recyclable, please call Republic Services at 714-238-3300.

And remember, you're always a winner when you recycle.



### Green Building for a Healthier Lifestyle

As local recycling laws become more stringent, residential construction and renovation projects are required to divert construction and demolition (C&D) debris away from the landfill through reuse and recycle. As the City's only approved hauler, Republic Services makes it easy for residents to comply with Green Building requirements and promote a healthy lifestyle. C&D debris collected from your residential project is transported to Republic's regional materials recovery facility to be processed. Through waste separation technologies at its facility, Republic recovers and diverts more than 75 percent of the C&D it collects, helping the City reach its diversion goals.

Visit [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com) or call 714-238-3300 to order a temporary cleanup container.

### Recycling Fun Fact

Making a standard, disposable battery uses 50 times more power than it generates.

## Options to Recycle Your Holiday Tree

The holidays are approaching, and we want to remind you to start the year off right by recycling your holiday tree. Choose the option that is best for you.



- 1 Use Your Yard Waste Container**  
Cut the branches down so your tree fits in your yard waste container with the lid closed and will easily slide out when serviced.
- 2 Place Your Tree Alongside Your Automated Containers**  
No need to call! Republic Services will pick up your tree on your regular service day, December 29th through January 9th. Since trees will be mulched, remove all ornaments, lights, and stand from your tree. If your tree is over 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.

## Holiday Schedule



If your scheduled service day falls on or after a holiday listed to the right, then your service day will be delayed by one day. For all other holidays your collection will be on schedule.

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## Safety Tips for Disposing of Hot Ashes

With the onset of cold temperatures, many Garden Grove residents with fireplaces use them to provide warmth and comfort. Recently, however, fireplace ashes have resulted in fires in trash trucks. Officials are urging residents to make sure that their fireplace ashes are

cold and completely extinguished before placing them in their carts or dumpster. It takes only one spark to ignite all the trash in a truck or a dumpster. Residents should make sure their fireplace ashes are cold and dead before throwing them in the trash.

### Follow These Recommendations for Handling Ashes:

- 1 Metal Bucket**  
Place fireplace ashes in a metal bucket.
- 2 Add Water**  
Pour water over fireplace ashes.
- 3 Cool Down**  
Wait until ashes are cold and completely extinguished.
- 4 Dispose Ashes**  
Place bagged extinguished fireplace ashes in the trash.



### Foam is Now Recyclable

Foam recycling has become more convenient for Garden Grove residents. Last month, Republic Services launched a styrofoam recycling program at its regional materials recovery facility, located in Anaheim, California. Due to the demand for recycling in Orange County, Republic is offering residents and businesses an opportunity to drop off their foam, free of charge, so it can be transformed into premium picture frames and crown molding.

Garden Grove residents and businesses can participate in this program by wiping or rinsing their foam and dropping it off at the collection center located at 1071 N Blue Gum Street.

Recyclable polystyrene can be identified by a #6 chasing arrows symbol, often found at the bottom of the material. It has a wide variety of uses, from the large molded blocks used to package electronics such as TVs and computers to food service packaging such as foam cups, bowls, and "clam-shell" take-out containers.

In addition to foam, Republic accepts aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, white and colored ledger and computer paper, cardboard and newspapers.

For additional information, call 714-238-3301.