



## Can I Do Backyard Composting?

Yes, of course! The City's Green Waste program is a voluntary program to collect and compost materials for those that aren't able or don't want to do it in their backyards. Residents are encouraged to compost their yard clippings and leaves if they want to keep these valuable materials for their own backyard. Leaves are a great source of carbon or "brown" materials to complement the "green" grass clippings in a backyard compost pile. As materials compost, they break down into a terrific soil amendment. The Solid Waste Utility has free brochures on compost bin designs and composting instructions.

## Christmas Tree Composting

Christmas trees with **NO tinsel, decorations, tree stands, or flocking** can be collected for composting. Like other small trees, a Christmas tree can be placed in the Green Waste cart if the tree branches are removed and the trunk is cut into 3 1/2 foot lengths or less (so the lid of the cart can be closed). The tree must fit all the way in the cart. An over-filled cart with its lid open or materials jammed too tight inside cannot be properly emptied.

You may also opt to leave your tree at the curb during the first two weeks of the New Year, when the Solid Waste Utility runs a special collection truck. You can also bring one Christmas tree to the Transfer & Recycling Facility at no charge during the first two weeks of January.

## The Solid Waste Utility Goal & Why We Automated Green Waste Collection

The Solid Waste Utility's goal is to provide the most efficient, cost effective and safest collection services to our customers. To meet that goal, the Utility now operates three trucks with automated collection arms to pick up over *100,000 pounds* of green waste each day!

The automated process allows us to collect materials faster and keep rates down. This process reduces driver lifting injuries, enhances our collection rate, and provides convenient carts for customers to wheel their materials to the curb. Since this change, the Utility has seen an increase in the number of participants in the program and a 100% increase in the volume of green waste collected at the curb.



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### City of Redding, Solid Waste Utility

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[www.ci.redding.ca.us](http://www.ci.redding.ca.us)  
(select the Solid Waste Utility)

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# Green Waste Curbside Collection Program



Service provided by the  
City of Redding Solid Waste Utility

The Solid Waste Utility offers three different carts for curbside collection to residents in single-family homes. Remember to use the right color cart:

Gray for "Garbage"  
Green for "Green Waste"  
Blue for "Recycling"

*Printed on post-consumer recycled paper, of course!*

## Green Waste Recycling Service

The Solid Waste Utility offers a voluntary weekly curbside greenwaste collection program for City residents. Why is this important? Because California's waste stream is made up of approximately 1/3 greenwaste, which could be composted instead of landfilled.

## Examples of Green Waste Materials

Any yard clippings less than 3 1/2 feet in length:

- \* Grass Clippings
- \* Leaves & Weeds
- \* Yard Prunings
- \* Small Branches
- \* Small Pieces of Clean Wood

## How to Participate

Loosely place yard materials into the green cart provided for Green Waste. **Branches and other prunings must be cut down to under 3 1/2 feet to fit inside the cart.** Be sure not to pack down materials, so the cart can be dumped properly and everything is emptied from the bottom of your cart. Please do not overfill the cart, as this can make a mess when the cart is dumped.

## Some Items Are Not Acceptable

Help make this program a success. Do not put any of the following items in the green waste carts:

- \* No plastic bags
- \* No painted or treated wood
- \* No rocks, dirt, concrete or ashes
- \* No poison oak or pampas grass
- \* No palm fronds or bamboo
- \* No manure
- \* No food scraps, paper, or garbage
- \* No asphalt or building materials

## What if I need more than one cart for my weekly Green Waste?

You can call the Solid Waste Utility at 224-6201 and request that a second Green Waste cart be delivered. We are happy to deliver a second cart but you must keep it for at least one year.

## What if two Green Waste carts are not enough for my weekly yard clippings?

You may self-haul leaves to the Transfer and Recycling Facility on Abernathy Lane. Rates vary depending on the amount.

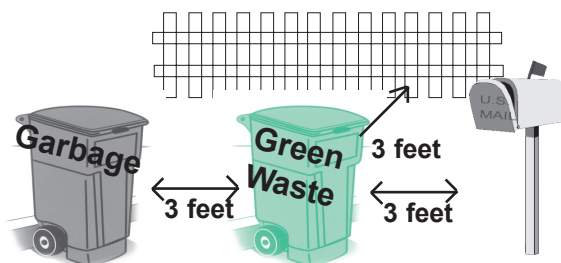
## Are Plastic Bags Allowed in the Carts During Leaf Season?

**No bags of any kind are allowed in the green cart.** If plastic bags, garbage, or any other contaminants are found in your Green Waste cart, the driver will put a tag on the cart, reminding you to remove the contamination so it can be emptied. **After three instances of contamination, your green cart will be removed.**

Bagged leaves are no longer accepted at the curb during the leaf season. You can arrange for a second green cart or bring leaves *only* to the Transfer Station free-of-charge during leaf season (November through January). A current City of Redding Utility bill is required to show proof of City residency.

## Cart Spacing & Removal from Curb

All Solid Waste Carts **should be placed at the curb before 6 a.m.** FACING the street, at least three feet apart from each other, and **not blocked by any parked vehicles** on your collection day. Carts may also be placed in the street, against the curb (or within a couple feet). **Carts must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of being emptied.** Thank you for storing your carts beside or behind the house or fence, so they are not visible from the street. (Redding Municipal Code, Section 9.28.200)



Place the green cart at least three feet apart from everything.

## What Happens to the Green Waste?



Green waste will be taken to the City of Redding's compost facility. The materials are ground up and processed to make compost and wood chips. The Utility sells compost to the public, including commercial landscapers.

## What Can I Do with Compost?

Compost is an excellent soil amendment. It adds nutrients to the soil that can increase the health of your plants, increase moisture retention and help save money spent on commercial fertilizers.

## Is Compost Available for Sale?

Yes, compost can be purchased at the Transfer & Recycling Facility. We are located at 2255 Abernathy Lane in Redding (Monday - Saturday, 8a.m.- 4p.m.). It can be purchased in a 5-gallon bucket or a 30-gallon trash can (that you bring) or we can load your truck with a half cubic yard or more. We can also deliver large loads within the City limits or within a 5-mile radius of the Transfer Station (minimum 10 cubic yard order). Please call the Solid Waste Utility at 224-6201 for current prices and/or delivery prices.

## Charge for Over-filled Carts & Return Trips

Overfilled carts make a mess when they are emptied and return trips are a waste of fuel and time. You can avoid any charges for green waste carts by making sure that your carts are placed at the curb **before 6 a.m.** on your scheduled pick-up day and the lids are closed tightly. A charge could be assessed to your utility account if you request a return trip to empty a cart that was placed out late or is overfilled on your collection day. The charge can be higher if the return trip is requested on a day other than your normal pick-up day.

