



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 trunk is cut into 4 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 tightly will either spill or may not empty completely.

You may also opt to leave your tree at the curb during the first week 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 until January 31st. You will need to bring a copy of your current solid waste utility bill and a photo I.D. to use this service.

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, which helps keep the cost of collection 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 a significant increase in the number of participants in the program and in the volume of green waste collected at the curb. We love that Redding residents love this program!



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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 free weekly curbside greenwaste collection program for residential customers. 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

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

Would you like to participate?

- 1) Call the Solid Waste Utility and request a greenwaste cart(s): 224-6201.
- 2) Fill your cart with the materials listed above.
- 3) Set it out at the curb **no later than 5:30 AM** on your collection day (the same day as your garbage and curbside recycling service).

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 garbage
- * 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?

You can call the Solid Waste Utility at 224-6201 and request a second Green Waste cart. 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?

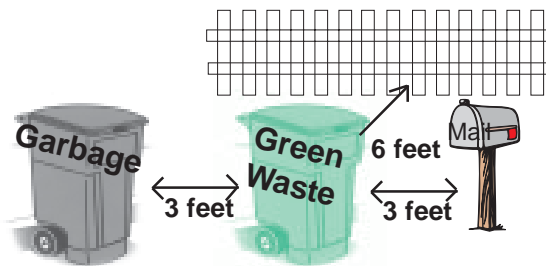
You may self-haul leaves to the Transfer and Recycling Facility on Abernathy Lane. Rates vary depending on the amount. Bagged leaves are no longer accepted at the curb during the leaf season. You can arrange for a second green cart or bring *leaves only* to the Transfer Station, free-of-charge, during leaf season (November through January). A current City of Redding Utility bill is required to show proof of City residency.

Are plastic bags allowed in the carts?

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 may be removed.**

Cart spacing & removal from curb

All Solid Waste Carts **should be placed at the curb before 5:30 am, FACING** the street, at least three feet apart from each other, and **not blocked by any parked vehicles** on your collection day. Carts should 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, increases moisture retention, and helps save money spent on commercial fertilizers. It is particularly helpful in Shasta County's acidic soil.

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 small quantities, if you bring your own container, 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 5:30 a.m.** on your scheduled pick-up day and the lids are closed tightly. Although the greenwaste program is a free service, 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 over-filled 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.

