

## Acceptable Food Waste/Organic Materials at Local Facilities

Per state law (SB 1381 & AB 1826) and Rancho Cordova Municipal Code materials listed below are effectively banned from being placed in the trash unless a commercial entity has been granted a waiver. These items must be placed in an organics container for proper management and diversion from landfill disposal.

### Food Waste

- Fruits & vegetables, including pits, peels & shells, melon rinds and corn husks and cobs (Please remove sticker)
- Seafood, including shellfish, seaweed, nori and kelp
- Meat & bones
- Solid fats & grease (no liquids)
- Rice, beans, grains & pasta
- Bread
- Dairy and Soy products, including cheese, tofu and tempeh
- Eggs and eggshells
- Coffee grounds & loose tea
- Breakfast cereal and oatmeal
- Chips, crackers, nut shells, popcorn and kernels
- All prepared, cooked & spoiled foods
- Wooden chopsticks, toothpicks, and kabob skewers
- Pet food
- Certified compostable bags (ASTM D6400/ BPI)
- Certified compostable plastics which may include utensils, plates, cups, etc. (ASTM D6400/ BPI)

*Please Note: for commercial food waste that cannot be donated, some local facilities can accept these materials in packaging (excluding glass) which are removed as part of preprocessing. Please check with your hauler to determine if the facility they utilize offers this service.*

### Soiled Paper

- Napkins, paper towels, tissues & other soiled paper
- Paper cups & paper plates (without liners)
- Coffee filters
- Tea bags
- Waxed cardboard
- Paper-based compostable takeout boxes and containers (without liners)
- Paper egg cartons (please remove labels)

- Greasy pizza boxes & paper bags
- Paper straws and straw wrappers
- Certified compostable bags (such as ASTM D6400, BPI, etc.)
- Certified compostable plastics which may include utensils, plates, cups, etc. (such as ASTM D6400, BPI, etc.)

#### Yard Waste

- Leaves & grass clippings
- Branches (up to 8 inches in diameter), stems & other plant debris
- Flowers & floral trimmings/arrangements
- Indoor plants and succulents
- Holiday trees (All tinsel, stands and ornaments removed. Flocked trees not accepted)
- Fruit and vegetable waste from garden (pumpkins, tomato plants, fruit droppings, etc.)
- Palm, yucca and cactus (no palm tree trunks)
- Wooden crates, sawdust, & other clean wood items under 36"
- Manure & animal bedding from chickens, rabbits, horses, etc.