
City of Fairfield

Trash, Recyclables & Organics Guidelines

Definitions

The following words used in the Solid Waste, Recyclables & Organics Enclosure Guidelines have the meanings set forth below, unless otherwise noted herein.

Authorized Collector: “Authorized Collector” shall mean a Solid Waste Enterprise operating under the provisions of a Collection Agreement approved by the City Council.

City: “City” shall mean the City of Fairfield, a California municipal corporation.

Commercial & Business Establishments (Business or Businesses): “Commercial & Business Establishments” or “Business” or “Businesses” means all hotels, motor courts, restaurants, offices or office buildings, stores, warehouses, factories, hospitals, assisted living facilities and all other premises used for functions other than dwelling houses.

Containers: “Containers” shall mean any Bin, Box or Cart used for the purpose of holding Solid Waste, Recyclables or Organics for Collection.

Contamination: “Contamination” means placing materials in a container that is labeled and intended for storage of another type of material, and which would either interfere with the processing of the material or reduce the quality and value of the recovered material. For example, placing metals or plastics in a container labeled “green waste” constitutes “contamination” because it would interfere with the equipment and processes used to compost or mulch the green waste. Similarly, placing food waste in a container labeled “recyclables” would contaminate the recyclables, making it more difficult to properly sort and process them for marketing.

Enclosure: “Enclosure” means a walled structure for the storage of municipal solid waste, recyclables and organics containers, with one or more gates for access.

Food Facility: “Food Facility” means a commercial & business establishment that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption.

Food Waste: “Food Waste” means surplus, spoiled or unsold food including, but not limited to, fruit, vegetables, meat and bones, seafood, dairy products, eggs and eggshells, rice, beans, bread, pasta, coffee grounds, and plate scrapings of these materials.

Multi-Family Residence: “Multi-Family Residence” shall mean any building or structure, including but not limited to Mobile Home Parks, or portion thereof, used for residential purposes having greater than four (4) distinct living units.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW): “Municipal Solid Waste” shall mean all putrescible and nonputrescible solid, semisolid, and liquid wastes, including garbage, trash, refuse, paper, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, Construction and Demolition Wastes; discarded home appliances; dewatered, treated, or chemically fixed sewage sludge which is not a Hazardous Waste; Manure, Green Waste, vegetable or animal solid and semisolid wastes; Special Wastes; and other discarded solid and semisolid wastes. “Solid Waste” does not include Hazardous Waste or Medical and Infectious Waste.

Organics: “Organics” means those materials that are processed in a controlled biological decomposition process, which are source separated from the municipal solid waste stream. Organics include food waste, soiled paper products and green waste that do not contain hazardous waste

Recyclables: “Recyclables” shall mean those materials that are suitable for Recycling, as determined by resolution of the City Council, or as set forth in a Collection Agreement.

Soiled Paper Products: “Soiled Paper Products” mean paper products contaminated with grease or other food products. They should be included with other compostable organics materials. “Soiled Paper Products” includes paper towels, tissue products, paper napkins, paper plates and cups, coffee filters, tea bags, waxed paper, butcher paper, paper take-out boxes and containers, greasy pizza boxes, paper bags and cardboard and wax-coated cardboard produce boxes. “Soiled Paper Products” does not include polystyrene, plastic-backed paper, blue-line paper or blueprints, diapers, kitty litter, any paper containing plastics, aluminum foil or foil-lined food wrap.

Trash: “Trash” means, “Solid Waste”, “Municipal Solid Waste”, and MSW, and terms maybe used interchangeably. See Municipal Solid Waste

Yard Waste: “Yard Waste” shall mean compostable materials that are non-toxic, non-hazardous green waste consisting of leaves, grass clippings, brush, branches and other forms of organic materials generated from landscapes or gardens, separated from other Solid Waste.

