



SPRING COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Once a year, the City of Brea and Brea Disposal team up to host a **FREE** compost giveaway. The event provides an opportunity to give back and thank Brea residents for their participation in the community's yard waste recycling program. Compost will be distributed rain or shine, on a first-come first-serve bases. Residents must bring their own containers to haul the compost, and are limited to 60 gallons per household. No bags please.

Brea Community Center - 695 E. Madison
Saturday, March 3, 2012
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (or until we run out)



RECYCLEBREA

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NEW RECYCLING EQUIPMENT EXPECTED TO IMPROVE WASTE DIVERSION

Thanks to forward thinking and long-term planning, the City of Brea is well on its way to meeting the state's increased waste diversion goals of 75 percent, by 2020. The city's waste hauler, Brea Disposal, a Republic Services Company, is investing \$20 million to enhance the sorting capabilities at its Southern California recycling facility, also known as CVT Regional Material Recovery Facility (MRF).



These facility improvements are great news for Brea residents because reducing waste and recycling is not only good for the environment, it also helps stabilize and control disposal costs. "The new state-of-the-art, single-stream sorting system is exciting, but it is only as good as what we put into it," said Robin Murbach, CVT's general manager. "The success of our new system is reliant on our neighboring communities."

Each week, the mixed recyclables placed inside the green recycle

containers are collected and taken to the MRF. Once the materials reach the MRF they are dumped on the tipping floor where they go through a presort process before being placed into the sorting system.

During the initial screening, sorters inspect the materials and remove any large items that aren't recyclable. "Most residents do a good job sorting their waste," said Murbach. "However, as we look at the material stream, we notice that there is still some contamination." Toys, hoses, dishes and other household goods are some of the items that don't belong in your recycle cart.



Proper sorting at the source boosts the amount of recyclables that can be recovered from the waste generated in our community. By becoming familiar with what "is" and "isn't" recyclable and taking the time to place waste and recyclables into the appropriate containers, residents can positively impact the City's diversion rates.

Say "NO" to Plastic "YES" to REUSABLE

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 380 billion plastic bags are used in the United States every year and only about 1 to 3 percent are ever recycled.

While plastic bags are recyclable, we encourage residents to think twice before choosing plastic. When plastic bags make their way into the single-stream sorting system, they cause havoc on the equipments' gears, which leads to mechanical problems, delays and lower diversion.

Besides helping to keep the new single-stream sorting system running smoothly, the "greenest" option would be to choose a reusable cloth bag, whenever possible.

By reducing the number of bags you use and discard after one use, you reduce the need for new bags.

Consumers can reduce waste through individual, everyday actions, beginning with the choice of using reusable shopping bags. ♻️ (Source: EPA)



Plastic bags are often mistaken as food by marine mammals. 100,000 marine mammals die yearly by eating plastic bags.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SPECIAL SERVICES

WHAT GOES WHERE?

BREA DISPOSAL
A REPUBLIC SERVICES COMPANY

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Customer Service 714-238-2444
- Hazardous Waste 714-834-6752
- Recycle Center 714-238-3301
- Disposal Center 714-238-3301

REQUEST SERVICE ONLINE
BreaDisposal.net



Think GREEN... Gifts This Year!

- Tickets to an event
- Reusable coffee cup
- Potted plant
- Digital reader
- GPS/Digital map
- Digital camera
- Fruit basket
- Movie tickets
- Puppy
- Composter



TREECYCLING

After the holidays, remove the stand, tinsel and decorations from your tree and recycle it by placing it inside your brown yard waste container.

A special collection for holiday trees will also be provided during the two weeks following

Christmas Day, Dec. 27 - Jan. 7.

To take advantage of this FREE service, place your tree on the ground approximately 4 feet away from your collection containers.

Please note, holiday trees larger than 6 feet must be cut in half.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN

UNUSED MEDICINE THAT IS PUT IN DRAINS OR FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET POLLUTES THE ENVIROMENT

Please take medications as prescribed and dispose of unused portions properly.

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS: UNUSED MEDICATIONS SHOULD BE

1

Put into a sturdy, securely sealed container, then in a trash can where children and animals can't reach them.

2

Taken to a household hazardous waste collection center or event (no controlled substances allowed).



For More Information Contact:

Orange County Sanitation District
714-593-7220
or e-mail: asktac@ocsd.com
ocsd.com
nodrugsdownthedrain.org

Holiday Schedule

We observe the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Service is delayed by one day, if your collection falls on or after the holiday. This year, collection will be delayed by one day the weeks of Dec. 26 –Jan. 7.

Sharps Disposal Procedures

Home-generated sharps can no longer be thrown in the trash or in recycling containers and must be transported to a collection center in an approved sharps container.

To aid with proper disposal, the county offers residents a cost-free option. They may bring home-generated syringes/lancets to the county's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers (HHWC-Cs). Residents should place the sharps in a heavy-duty, puncture-resistant container with a tight fitting lid. Examples of appropriate containers are empty plastic bottles such as detergent, liquid fabric softener or bleach bottles.

FREE Bulky Item Collection

Do you have household items that are too large to fit inside your collection containers? Brea Disposal offers FREE curbside collection to make it easy and convenient for residents to get rid of old unusable furniture and used appliances. Each household is allowed up to 25 items per collection and up to three collections per calendar year. Visit us online at breadisposal.net or call 714-238-2444 to schedule a collection. Please note, there is a small fee for items containing Freon.

Recycle Your Old Electronics

Brea Disposal's premium collection program ensures safe and environmentally sound disposal of all your electronic devices such as computers and televisions. Contact Brea Disposal to schedule your FREE e-waste collection today!

Household Hazardous Waste

Did you know in California it is unlawful to dispose of any type of hazardous or universal waste in the landfill? Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). These items require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or, in some cases, putting them in the trash. The dangers of such disposal may not be obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

HHW collection centers are conveniently located throughout Orange County to making it EASY for residents to do the right thing. These centers accept most types of household hazardous waste including e-waste and universal waste. (Source: OC Waste & Recycling)

OC Waste & Recycling
oclandfills.com 714-834-6752

THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIALS YOU PUT INTO YOUR RECYCLE CONTAINER MATTERS



LEARN & CARE

What Goes Where?

Recyclable - Green Cart

- Aerosol cans (completely empty)
- Aluminum cans (do not crush)
- Aluminum foil
- Beverage cans
- Bottle caps
- Brochures
- Cardboard
- Cereal boxes (remove inner lining)
- Computer paper
- Drink boxes
- Egg cartons (cardboard and foam)
- Foam cups/plates – unsoiled
- Food cans
- Frozen food boxes
- Glass bottles/jars
- Juice cartons
- Junk mail/coupons
- Laundry bottles
- Ledger paper
- Magazines
- Metal hangers
- Milk cartons
- Newspapers
- Paper tubes
- Phone books
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers #1-7
- Plastic cups/utensils
- Tin cans

Trash - Black Cart

- Animal waste
- Bathroom waste
- Car parts
- Carpet
- Cat litter
- Cigarette butts
- Clothes/shoes
- Dirt/cement/rock (¼ of container)
- Disposable diapers
- Drinking glasses
- Food waste
- Furniture
- Glass and ceramic plates/cups
- Liquid waste
- Mirrors
- Old clothes/shoes
- Plastic toys
- Rags/sponges
- Soiled paper plates
- Toothpaste tubes
- Waxed paper
- Window glass
- Palm fronds

The **Recycle Brea** automated waste and recycling collection program has helped to divert hundreds of thousands of tons of waste from our local landfills.

In all, we recycle more than 3 million tons each year - that is nearly 200 pounds per second. Because we invest in state-of-the-art technology, you can put all your recyclables into one container.

Please follow these sorting guidelines to help boost recycling in our community. Older worn-out carts may be exchanged by contacting customer service.

Yard Waste - Brown Cart

For residents with the yard waste program in their area – all material must be loose and not bagged.

- Grass
- Leaves
- Prunings (no palm fronds)
- Twigs/branches (4' long by 3' wide)
- Weeds

**“IF IN DOUBT
THROW IT OUT”**