



ABOUT ORGANICS

"Organics" are plant or animal-based materials that include, but are not limited to food and yard waste. Organics are the largest unrecycled portion of the residential waste stream. In fact, according to a recent study, approximately 31 percent of residential garbage is organic waste, which includes 17.3 percent food waste. Organic waste in landfills is a contributor to climate change, but can be used as a valuable resource rather than being landfilled.



ABOUT MENDORECYCLE

The Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MendoRecycle), works with local haulers to ensure trash, recycling and composting services are being provided to the public in a cost-effective and convenient manner.

MENDORECYCLE OFFERS

Free recycled paint at
3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah, CA 95482

Free HazMobile events throughout the county where customers may drop off household hazardous waste

Free Reuse Store where customers may pick up recovered household items at
3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah, CA 95482

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off at 3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah

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ORGANICS RECYCLING & COMPOSTING

for nutrient-rich soil



WHAT GOES IN THE ORGANICS BIN

DO place these items in your green waste bin:

food waste, leaves, coffee grounds and filters, greasy pizza boxes, grass clippings, branches, fish & meat, dirty napkins



DO NOT place these items in your green waste bin:

cooking/motor oil, diapers, Styrofoam, plastic bags, bricks, trash, treated wood, pet waste, poisonous plants, or marijuana



HOME COMPOSTING

Home composting is a simple and effective way to recycle your organic waste into useful nutrient-rich soil.



DO designate an area of your home or yard for your compost pile or tumbler



DO add water, yard waste, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea leaves, and paper



DO rotate the content of your pile periodically to allow proper decomposition



DO add finished compost to your garden



DO NOT add dairy, meat, fish, bones, peanut butter, oils, pet waste, trash, or pesticides



DO NOT over water. Compost should feel moist like a damp sponge, but should not be sopping wet.

BUILDING YOUR COMPOST PILE

There are four basic ingredients for composting: nitrogen (green or wet material), carbon (brown or dry material), water, and air. Simply mix 1 part nitrogen by weight with 4 parts carbon by weight. When building a compost pile, simply layer green and brown material for equal distribution. Water the compost pile and rotate using a shovel to add air.

Add material, check moisture, and temperature regularly to ensure proper decomposition. A manageable size for a home compost pile is usually 1 cubic yard (or 3 feet by 3 feet), though piles may be larger.

Temperatures should remain between 120 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit to aid in decomposition and kill weed seeds.

If properly maintained, a compost pile should be ready within 2 - 3 months. Compost is ready when it is a dark, crumbly substance resembling potting soil.

TROUBLESHOOTING



ODOR ISSUES
too much moisture and/or not enough air



ADD DRY MATERIALS
and/or air by mixing the pile



PEST ISSUES
pile contains bones, meat, fatty or starchy foods



ADD FRUIT & VEGGIE SCRAPS
remove bones, meat & fatty or starchy foods



HEAT ISSUES (TOO COLD)
too dry, too small, not enough nitrogen, and/or material too big



ADD WATER
make pile larger, mix in grass, and/or grind materials