

BCPUD PIPELINE



Winter 2022-23

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Water Supply Update

It appears that the 2022-23 rain year (which runs from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) is off to a good start! As of January 31, 2023, the district has received 25.02 inches of rain. At the same time last year, the district had received 22.23 inches of rain. As a reminder, the average annual rainfall in the district is approximately 32.5 inches.

The Arroyo Hondo Creek, our preferred water source, is flowing well and our two reservoirs - Woodrat 1 and Woodrat 2 - are full and spilling. At this point in time, we look forward to late winter and spring rains to ensure we will have a reliable supply of water to sustain us during the typically dry summer and fall months. Please see our monthly water supply updates on the BCPUD website for more information!

Water or Sewer emergency? Please contact our office at 415-868-1224

ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL VIA YOUR RECOLOGY GREEN BIN — HOW'S IT GOING?

It has been one year since California enacted new legislation, commonly known as “Senate Bill 1383”, which requires all customers and businesses in the state to divert organic waste (i.e., food scraps, plant trimmings and unlined soiled paper products) out of California landfills. The effective date of SB 1383 was January 1, 2022 and its goals are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution state-wide. In compliance with SB 1383, the BCPUD enacted Ordinance 40 (available on our website at www.bcpud.org) to adopt and enforce mechanisms to implement provisions of SB 1383 concerning the regulation of organic waste collection services, generators of organic waste, waste haulers and generators, and processors of edible food, together with enforcement mechanisms beginning in 2024 for violations of SB 1383 requirements.

To comply with SB 1383, customers and businesses must either compost their organic waste on-site or dispose of it via the green Recology compost bins – not via the grey garbage (i.e., landfill) bin!

“When food rots in a landfill, it produces huge amounts of methane — a greenhouse gas at least 28 times as potent as carbon dioxide. But in compost bins, microbes convert that organic matter into nutrient-rich soil, keeping the carbon out of the atmosphere and producing valuable fertilizer. Project Drawdown, a nonprofit researching the best ways to reduce planet-warming emissions, reports that increasing composting around the globe could generate carbon savings equivalent to taking roughly 15 million passenger vehicles off the road for 30 years.”

- Sarah Kaplan, Washington Post

It is our hope that you have been able to easily implement a home composting system either by using a kitchen-waste pail to empty food scraps and unlined soiled paper products into your green bin (along with any plant trimmings you may have from your garden), or by installing a home composting system of your own. An additional benefit of wiping food scraps off of your dishware before washing them is that this will reduce the presence of “fats, oils and grease” in your wastewater - fats, oils and grease, or “FOG” is extremely bad for the BCPUD sewer system and/or for your home septic system.

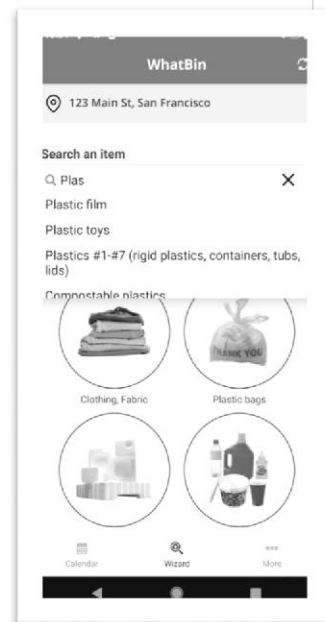
We understand it can be challenging to dispose of food scraps and soiled paper in your green bin in Bolinas given the abundance of our non-human residents - most specifically raccoons and rodents - and their interest in this organic waste, which can lead to overturned bins and a mess on the roads. If at all possible, we suggest waiting until the morning of your Recology service before adding your food scraps to your green bin. If you have room in your freezer or fridge, you can “store” this waste until collection day. We’ve included some tips from Recology on the next page to help reduce the “ick factor”. Thank you so much for your compliance with SB 1383!

One of the issues related to using a kitchen compost pail is the “ick” factor. Below are some suggestions from Recology regarding food waste composting.

How to use your compost pail and prevent odors and pests:

- Keep your compost kitchen pail in a convenient location such as your counter, under the sink, or in the freezer. Use it to collect food scraps & food-soiled paper.
- Empty your pail into your green bin outside.
- Line your pail with newspaper or paper bags (“compostable” & regular plastic bags are not accepted in residential carts in Bolinas).
- Empty the pail regularly and rinse with soap (dishwasher safe) and water weekly to minimize buildup and smells.
- Freeze spoiled foods until collection day.
- Prevent pests by regularly emptying and cleaning your kitchen pail and keeping your green bin outside closed.

WhatBin? Search Tool: Recology offers the WhatBin? Search Tool on its website at <https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/whatbin-search-tool/>. This tool is also available as an app for your phone. Users can enter an item into the search bar and the tool will tell you what bin it can be disposed in.



What can be Composted (Green Bin): Food scraps, food-soiled unlined paper, and yard trimmings can be placed in your compost bin.

What can be Recycled (Blue Bin): Plastic bottles, tubs and jugs, glass containers, cartons, paper, flattened cardboard, and metal. Single use plastic, such as plastic bags, wrappers and plastic wrap cannot be recycled.

What goes in the Garbage Can (Grey Bin): Single use plastic, personal protective equipment (gloves, face-masks, etc.), plastic wrappers and bags, Styrofoam, diapers and pet waste.

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