

# TALK TRASH NEWSLETTER

## FOR MULTI-FAMILY TENANTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

### SINCE SB 1383 - WHAT GOES INTO MY TRASH?



As you may already know, SB 1383 is a California state law aimed to divert ALL organic waste (like food scraps and yard trimmings) from landfills. This mandate requires all residents and businesses to separate food waste, yard trimmings, and other organic material into their designated organic bin. Many question: If I put all my food waste and food soiled paper into the organics bin/cart, what do I put into my trash?

Items that cannot be composted or recycled go into the **trash bin**:

- **Non-compostable plastics** (e.g., plastic bags, single-use plastic straws, plastic utensils)
- **Ceramics and porcelain** (e.g., broken mugs and plates)
- **Broken glass**
- **Non-recyclable textiles** (e.g., synthetic fabrics, or items in poor condition)
- **Non-compostable food packaging** (any waxy material)
- **Pet waste, diapers, masks, disposable gloves**

When organic waste is placed in your organics bin, it gets taken to a facility that breaks down the organic material into compost/mulch or renewable energy for our trash trucks.

**Let's reduce waste, protect the environment, and support our communities.**



### FREE RECYCLE BASKET & KITCHEN CADDIE

Recycle baskets and kitchen caddies allow you to store recyclable and organic material before placing the contents into the appropriate containers in or near your trash enclosure. If you are a Lakewood resident, come to City Hall during open hours to pick one up. (Proof of residency required)



### YOUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL IS NOT YOUR TRASH CAN

Using your garbage disposal may seem like the easiest way to get rid of food waste, but relying on it can lead to several problems. **Here's why you should not put organic waste into the garbage disposal:**

- **Prevent clogs and plumbing issues**
  - Drain blockages create issues like, increased risk of plumbing damage which can be costly.
- **Harmful to the environment**
  - Your garbage disposal sends food waste to sewage treatment plants which can ultimately cause an impact on landfills. You should dispose of organic waste by utilizing your organic collection services from EDCO Disposal, which helps divert waste from landfills.
- **Better alternatives for food waste**
  - Some food scraps can be used to make broths or other sustainable recipes. Be creative!
  - Food scraps can be transformed into compost which is great for providing nutrients to your home garden and house plants.
  - If composting isn't an option, you can place food scraps in the organics bin/cart.

## FARMERS MARKET

Lakewood Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the city property at Del Amo Blvd. and Clark Ave.

- The Farmers Market features California-certified fresh produce, crafts, hot foods, flowers and pre-packaged goods.
- **Where to park:** Parking for the Farmers Market is in the lot next to the market (east side) or the last row of the parking lot closest to Civic Center Way.
  - Please do not park in the designated library parking area.

## HOW TO DISPOSE OF BATTERIES

All batteries and electronic waste must be properly recycled or taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility or event and **NEVER placed in the trash, recycling or organics containers!**

Lakewood Residents can also bring their household batteries to City Hall for proper disposal. Proof of residency is required.

## SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS AND PHARMACEUTICALS

The safest way to collect and dispose of sharps waste is to use only state-approved sharps containers. Check availability at distribution sites or ask your pharmacist or doctor for one. **Residents can obtain sharps collection containers at Lakewood City Hall.**

Unwanted or expired medications cannot be flushed down the drain. There are drop-off locations for expired medications located at Walgreens and CVS. You can also check with your doctors office if they can take your expired medication and sharps. You can also take your medications/sharps to EDCO's facility in Signal Hill.

**EDCO has hazardous waste collection events every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9:00am to 2:00pm at 2755 California Avenue Signal Hill, CA 90755.**



## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR ITEMS PROPERLY, CHECK OUT THE CITY WEBSITE (LINK BELOW) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

<https://www.lakewoodcity.org/Residents/Trash-recycling-and-hazardous-waste/Special-Trash-and-Hazardous-Waste>

