

# We're a Team!

Feed us food scraps,  
food-soiled paper & yard trimmings



<sup>new</sup>  
The Weekly Pickup  
**GREEN CART**

## Better service for your "Big Green" cart!

- Collected every week
- Food scraps and food-soiled paper now accepted
- **Unlimited yard trimmings!** If your yard trimmings do not fit in the cart, set them out next to the cart in your own container, in 30-gallon brown paper bags (available at local hardware stores), or bundled and tied (branches no larger than 4' long or 6" diameter).

## Introducing "Little Green" – your new kitchen pail

1. Use your kitchen pail to easily collect food scraps and food-soiled paper.
2. Empty the "Little Green" pail into your "Big Green" yard trimmings cart. If you need a cart, call Waste Management of Alameda County at (510) 613-8710.
3. Roll your cart out to the curb for collection every week.

### Please do not put kitchen pail at the curb for collection!

Keep your "Little Green" kitchen pail on the counter, under the sink, or any place that makes it easy to use while preparing food or cleaning up after a meal. Here are some other ideas to help keep your "Little Green" kitchen pail clean and fresh:

- Empty your kitchen pail into the yard trimmings cart regularly
- Rinse out the pail after you empty it
- Line pail with newspaper, or a paper (not plastic) bag
- Use an empty paper milk carton inside the pail to collect wet food
- Visit [oaklandrecycles.com](http://oaklandrecycles.com) for more ideas

### Why should I bother?

Every year, over 20,000 tons of food from Oakland end up in the landfill! Now, this food can be processed into a rich compost material. Compost made from your food scraps will add valuable nutrients to the soil and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers.

## Here's What to Put **IN**

### FOOD SCRAPS

Fruits  
Vegetables  
Meat  
Poultry  
Seafood & shellfish  
Bones  
Rice  
Beans  
Pasta  
Bread  
Cheese  
Eggshells  
Coffee grounds  
Plate scrapings  
Leftovers

### Food-soiled paper

Paper napkins & towels  
Paper plates & cups  
Paper ice cream cartons  
Coffee filters & tea bags  
Paper take-out boxes

### YARD & GARDEN TRIMMINGS

Leaves  
Flowers  
Grass & weeds  
Houseplants  
Trimmings  
Branches up to 4' x 6"

### OTHER

Wood (unpainted and untreated, up to 4' x 6")  
Wood chips

## Please Keep These Items **OUT!**

Styrofoam  
Glass  
Metals & foil  
Plastic bags & containers  
Plastic flower pots  
Plastic trays  
Diapers  
Cat litter  
Animal feces  
Rocks & dirt



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