



Trash Talk

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Changes to your Blue Bin: What's In and What's Out?

There have been many changes recently in domestic and international recycling markets. The tightening of recycling markets will have a direct impact on what can and cannot be recycled in the blue recycling container. It is important to place the correct items in the blue recycling container. Trash or contamination in the blue bin increases the cost of processing and marketing of recyclables. See below for changes in the items that are accepted in the blue recycling container, and what should be thrown in the trash:

RECYCLING



Plastic beverage containers



Plastics bottles coded 1 or 2 on the bottom



Glass bottles & jars



Flattened cardboard boxes



Aluminum & tin cans



Paper, newspaper, junk mail
& magazines

TRASH



Waxed paper cartons



Plastic bags



Styrofoam/Polystyrene



Food containers



Film plastic packaging



Clean Out the Clutter: Bulky Items and Special Hauls

Bulky items such as couches, mattresses, and large appliances can be difficult to dispose of if you don't have the means to haul them to the Lompoc Landfill. Fortunately, the City offers the following programs to assist its refuse customers:

Bulky Item Pickups

Residential customers can arrange to have two bulky items picked up by the City three times per year at no additional charge. To schedule a Bulky Item Pickup, call at least one week before you'd like your items removed. A mattress and box springs, or a sofa and loveseat set count as one item.



Special Hauls

This program is available to residents and businesses who need multiple bulky items

hailed away at one time. Special hauls are \$30 for every 15 minutes of loading time (not prorated) added to your monthly utility bill. Schedule a Special Haul by calling the week before you'd like your items removed. Special hauls are only done on Wednesdays.

Self-Haul to the Lompoc Landfill

If you have access to a vehicle capable of hauling bulky items, then you have the option to haul your materials to the Lompoc Landfill. Fees may apply, but are generally less than the fees charged for a Special Haul. Residential customers can haul the following items to the Lompoc Landfill for **free**:

- Appliances (up to two)
- Mattresses/box springs
- Tires (up to five passenger tires)
- E-waste (free for businesses as well)

The Landfill is open daily, Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

For more information, or to schedule a Bulky Item Pickup or Special Haul, please call the Solid Waste Office at (805) 875-8024.

To report Illegal Dumping, please call the Solid Waste Code Enforcement officer at (805) 875-8033.

Put Used Oil and Filters in Their Place

Did you know that out of the 2.1 million California households that change their own motor oil, over 60% dispose of it improperly? This equates to almost 14 million gallons of oil annually being thrown in the trash, or dumped on the ground, gutter or storm drain.

The oil and filter from a single change can contaminate up to a million gallons of drinking water, and greatly reduce soil productivity if poured on the ground. It is vitally important that used oil and filters are properly recycled.

Fortunately, it's never been easier to recycle used oil and filters. In fact there are a total of four used oil and filter collection centers in Lompoc.

And if you take your oil to a State Certified Center, you're entitled to receive \$.40/gallon. (Oil must be free from contaminants - water, gasoline and other fluids). Please refer to the matrix on pages 3 - 4 for listings of Center locations.

Used oil and filters can be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Mon - Fri: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Other types of automotive wastes, such as anti-freeze, power steering fluid, brake fluid, gasoline, batteries, and cleaning products, can be dropped-off at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility by appointment only. Please call (805) 875-8024 to schedule an appointment or for more information.



FREE Used Oil Drain Pans, Filter Containers and Funnels

Stop by the Solid Waste Division at 1300 W. Laurel Ave. to pick-up a FREE 15-quart used oil drain pan, a dual capacity used oil filter container, and a funnel. These containers provide residents a convenient and safe way to transport oil and filters to a Used Oil and Filter Collection Center.

How “Green” is Your Thumb?

Here are a few tips on how you can reduce and reuse your yard waste, reduce your food waste and keep your plants and yard healthy naturally!

Recycle Your Green Waste

Save space in your trash container by recycling your yard wastes. Recycling green waste helps to reduce green house gases and save landfill space at the Lompoc Landfill. Green Waste containers are offered at no additional charge.



What can go in my Green Waste container?

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Small branches
- Cuttings from bushes and shrubs
- Lumber scraps
- **No** soil, palm fronds, cactus, yucca or iceplants

Pick up a Composting Kit

Convert your vegetable food wastes and yard clippings into a high quality soil amendment for your lawn, garden or landscaping! Composting not only provides needed nutrients (phosphorous, potassium, nitrogen, and trace minerals) to your soil, but also helps divert organic wastes from disposal at the Lompoc Landfill. In fact, your home waste can be reduced by as much as 35% by composting food scraps and yard wastes.

To help residents get started, the **City of Lompoc offers backyard composting bins at the reduced price of \$30**. The kit includes an easy to assemble durable plastic bin, and an informative guide book. Pick one up at the City Corporate Yard, 1300 W. Laurel Avenue. We accept cash or checks.



Use Natural Garden Remedies

Apply Mulch - Using mulch in your garden and landscaping suppresses weed growth, reduces water usage, controls erosion and provides nutrients to the soil.

Go Pesticide Free - Use organic fertilizers and only use pesticides as a last resort. Approximately 70% of plant problems are a result of environmental stresses such as: too little or too much water, poor soil, inadequate light, poor landscape design, or improper care.

Water Wisely - Water your plants in the early morning or at dusk to save water. Watering during the day increases evaporation and loss of water. In general, thinner leaved plants need more water, and thicker leaved plants need less.

Grasscycling - Ditch the bag and leave the grass clippings from your mower on your lawn. The grass clippings decompose and return nutrients back to the soil.

Reduce Your Food Waste

Did you know that 33% of edible food is wasted and ends up in the landfill? Here are some tips on how to reduce your household food waste:

- Plan and prep your weekly meals in advance. The more prepared you are, the less likely you are to waste food
- Invest in high quality storage and prep tools. Food that is stored correctly will stay fresher longer
- Learn how to repurpose food scraps and give them a second life. For example, leftover vegetable scraps can be used to make soups and broths
- Don't overlook “ugly” food. Produce that is scarred or bruised is just as nutritious
- Consider donating unused or unwanted food to those in need or to the local food bank

Programs of the Solid Waste Division:

Commingled & Green Waste Recycling ▪ Electronics Recycling ▪ Refuse Collection ▪ Lompoc Landfill
City Recycling Center ▪ Backyard Composting ▪ Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Used Oil & Filter Drop-Off Sites ▪ Street Sweeping ▪ Bulky Item Pickups & Special Hauls



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Collection Day Tips

What should I do if one of my containers was not serviced on my collection day?

If your container was not picked up by 2:30 p.m. on your collection day, please call the Solid Waste Office at (805) 875-8024 as soon as possible to report it. Staff can then resolve any issue that prevented the container from being serviced. Common service issues include the following:

- Container was not out by 7:00 a.m. (6:00 a.m. for commercial customers). Containers may be put out no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before collection and must be taken in by 6 p.m. the day of collection.
- Container was placed improperly. Containers should face toward the street or alley, and be spaced a minimum of two feet apart from one another and at least 3 feet from fences, utility poles, vehicles and other objects.
- Prohibited materials found in container (e.g., hazardous waste, electronics, concrete, etc.)
- Container is overflowing (e.g., lid cannot close), or garbage sitting on top of lid.

If you think you have enough space in your Recycling or Green Waste containers to last you until your next service day, consider not placing your container out for collection. This saves time, fuel, and wear and tear on the collection vehicles and your containers.

Important Resources

City Solid Waste Office (805) 875-8024
 City of Lompoc Landfill (805) 736-9042
 Solid Waste Code Enforcement (805) 875-8033

Websites:

City of Lompoc, Solid Waste www.cityoflompoc.com/sw
 S.B. County Recycling www.lessismore.org
 CalRecycle www.calrecycle.ca.gov/

Mark Your Calendar!



Holiday Collection and Landfill Schedule

Please observe the following holiday schedule for refuse collection and the Lompoc Landfill.

Monday, September 2, Labor Day

No collection
 All collection delayed by one day this week
 Landfill closed

Monday, November 11, Veterans Day

No collection
 All collection delayed by one day this week
 Landfill closed

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day

Collection will be on Friday, November 29
 Landfill closed

Friday, November 29, City Observed Holiday

Collection will be on Saturday, November 30
 Landfill holiday hours (10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Regular collection
 Landfill holiday hours (10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

No collection
 All collection delayed by one day remainder of the week
 Landfill closed