



## Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

### Utility Commission

**Meeting Date:** November 10, 2025

**TO:** City of Lompoc Utility Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Divisional Update – October 2025

The Landfill received 4,237 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of September 2025. The total tons recycled were 869 and the total tons disposed were 3,368 tons. The Landfill saw an increase of 6.2% increase in trash tonnages for September 2025 over September 2024 tonnages.

The Solid Waste Division held a Pumpkin Smash Event on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Ryon Park, where residents and children brought their pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns to smash in various ways at the event. The City worked with local stores to recycle (compost) their pumpkins, which were utilized at the pumpkin smash event. All the smashed pumpkins have been taken to the landfill, combined with the greenwaste and foodwaste, ground, and taken to composter, where the materials will be converted to finished compost.

The Landfill has a Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Source Test completed on the Flare System. The test was coordinated by the City's Landfill Gas consultant, WSP, utilizing Blue Sky Environmental to perform the testing as required by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District's Permit to Operate.

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday. Solid Waste Collections for Trash, Recycling, and Greenwaste/Organics will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. If your collection day is Tuesday, Collections will take place on Wednesday, if your collection day is Friday, Collections will take place on Saturday.

The City Administrative Offices, including the Solid Waste Office, will be closed on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

The Landfill will be closed on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday, reopening on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to reduce organic waste in landfills (reducing short-lived climate pollutants) by diverting greenwaste and foodwaste from disposal. The City of Lompoc now collects Organics (Food Waste) and Greenwaste (yard clippings, brush, etc.) within the Green lid container for diversion from the landfill and into composting. Below are acceptable items allowed in the green container and items not allowed in the green container.

Organic Waste (Food Scrap) & Greenwaste (lawn clippings and yard waste) should now be placed in customers green lid Organics (Greenwaste) containers (green lid container). The Organics collection is expanding the greenwaste collection (currently grass clippings, leaves, branches, and brush/shrubs), to include food scraps into the green lid container. The items acceptable in the Organics container (green lid container) are fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, fish, cheeses, eggshells, pizza, pasta, rice, coffee grounds and tea bags. The following items are NOT acceptable in the Organics container, Plastic bags, plastic wrap, plastic straws, food containers, Styrofoam, bottles, cans, aluminum, trash, fats, oil, or grease and liquids.

The Solid Waste Division has complimentary kitchen counter pails for City of Lompoc residents to recycle their Organic food scraps. The complimentary indoor kitchen pail is available for pick up from the City of Lompoc's Solid Waste Office, located at 1300 West Laurel Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday through Friday) The kitchen pails are also available for pick up at the City of Lompoc Library (501 E. North Avenue, during Library hours), and City Hall Lobby, during operating hours. The kitchen pail is a 1-gallon capacity kitchen counter container, available while supplies last. The kitchen pail provides a convenient way to collect your food scraps before depositing them in your Organics (Green lid) container.