

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

CONTAMINATION MINIMIZATION ROUTE REVIEWS



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The City of Torrance and its contractors are in your neighborhood today performing ‘lid-flips’ and visually inspecting refuse, organic, and recycling carts for proper sorting as required by state law Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act.

Why is the City looking in my carts?

SB 1383 requires all jurisdictions to conduct annual route reviews to monitor contamination, including the proper sorting of organics (food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings) from landfills, and provide education and outreach to residents. Organic waste makes up nearly half of the material going to local landfills and contributes to climate change. For more information about SB 1383, visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/SB1383 and <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>.

What will happen if I put something in the wrong cart?

These inspections are educational only, with NO enforcement action taking place. If you put something in the wrong cart, our team will leave a “cart tag” explaining what materials or contamination was discovered, and tips for proper sorting. The information gained from these route reviews will assist the City in developing educational outreach material to increase the amount of material recycled and diverted from landfills properly.

I didn’t push my cart out to the curb for service, will the City enter my property?

Contractors will only be inspecting carts that are placed at the curbside for collection and will not be entering private property. Material will NEVER be removed from the carts as it is being visually inspected.

Contractors will be working in groups or pairs, wearing high-visibility vests and identification badges. If you see team members on your street, please ask them your recycling questions or simply say hello!

I received an OOPS tag, will my container still be serviced?

Yes, your container(s) will still be serviced on your scheduled collection day.

Whom should I contact with additional questions?

For general customer service questions, please call (310) 781-6900. Not sure what goes where? Visit our What Goes Where guide at <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/public-works/what-goes-in-waste-bins>