

# INTRODUCING EDCO

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DEL MAR

## The City of Del Mar’s New Waster Hauler

The City of Del Mar conducted an extensive competitive process to select the service provider best suited for collecting and disposing of trash, recycling and organic waste at reasonable rates. Founded in 1967, **family-owned and operated** EDCO was chosen as the City’s new residential hauler because of a demonstrated commitment to providing superior customer service to numerous Southern California communities.

### Important Information Inside...

*Please review the information in this brochure for an initial overview about EDCO’s state-of-the-art collection programs.*



## Transition Date

**Effective July 1, 2022, EDCO will provide waste and recycling services to residents in the City of Del Mar. As this date approaches, our entire team is preparing for a seamless service transition.**

## Letter from the City Manager

I am excited to introduce the community to EDCO—the City’s new franchise waste hauler. Faced with new stringent State requirements associated with the recycling of organic waste, the City felt the time had come to bid for these essential services competitively. The City was fortunate to choose from three quality companies that offered competitive pricing for the City’s residents and businesses.

On February 22, 2022, the City Council approved an agreement with EDCO to be the City’s new franchise waste hauler. EDCO’s services will include collecting trash, recycling, and organics. EDCO shines in several areas important to the City—they offered the lowest overall rates, have the largest recycling infrastructure in the region, were the highest-rated proposer and have an outstanding customer service reputation.

The City and EDCO are working hard to ensure that on July 1, 2022, the transition to the new service provider will be seamless, and the Del Mar community will be pleased.

Ashley Jones  
City Manager

# EDCO's Residential Collection



## New EDCO Collection Carts

New EDCO trash, recycling and organics carts will be delivered to all single-family residents between June 24 and June 30, 2022, and your existing carts will be removed on the same day. An informational tag will be attached to your new carts that will offer important information such as set-out guidelines and a service overview.

Your new EDCO carts will be the same size as your current carts. **Please place all current carts/cans out for removal on your normal service day.**



## Three Separate Collections

EDCO will collect household trash, recycling and organics separately in three different colored carts: gray for trash, blue for recycling, and green for organics. The green cart will now include the collection of food scraps mixed together with yard waste.

**There will be no change in your collection day.**



## Different Cart Sizes are Available

Del Mar single-family residents have the option of requesting 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon trash, recycle and organics carts. Please note, requesting a different trash cart size change will affect your monthly rate.

### Size:

### Monthly Rate per Unit:

35 gallon trash cart	\$24.95
64 gallon trash cart	\$28.95
96 gallon trash cart	\$29.95

# Trash Cart



**EDCO will provide each single-family residential customer with a 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon gray trash cart for weekly trash collection.**

Use your gray trash cart to dispose of non-recyclable household trash.

Residents can request one (1) additional gray trash cart for an extra charge only if they currently have a 64-gallon, or larger, trash cart.

# Recycling Cart



**EDCO will provide each single-family residential customer with a 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon blue recycling cart for weekly collection. Residents can request additional recycling carts at no extra cost!**

Use your blue recycling cart to recycle household containers, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, and beverage containers marked 1-7, labeled "CA Redemption Value" or "CA Cash Refund," all mixed together in your recycling cart.

For a complete list of recyclable material accepted in the blue cart, please refer to our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), enter your zip code, click on the Residential Services tab, and under Curbside Pick Up click on Recycling.

## Do Not Bag Recyclable Material!



**Please do not use bags** as they get tangled in recycling processing equipment and can potentially cause damage. Recyclable material should be placed loosely in your blue container, with the exception of shredded paper. Shredded paper should be placed in a clear plastic bag.

# NEW! Organics Cart

EDCO will provide each single-family residential customer with a 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon green organics cart for weekly collection. **As a new enhancement, residents will automatically receive an organics cart and can request additional green organics carts at no extra cost.**



**While Del Mar residents have participated in curbside green waste collection for many years, EDCO's new organics program will allow all food waste, yard waste and other organics to be mixed together in the green cart. Once collected and processed, the material will be used to convert the captured methane into Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) to power the collection fleet.**

## How do I get my food scraps from my kitchen to the organics cart?

There are many different ways to neatly move food scraps from your kitchen to your organics cart. Here are some of the most popular options:

- 1 **Wrap Your Scraps!** - Many people find wrapping food waste in any type of non-wax paper, such as paper towels, packing paper, newspaper, or paper bags, is an easy way to move food waste from inside your kitchen to your organics cart. This is especially true for large quantities of fruit, meat, etc., and you can even leave the scraps wrapped in the paper and then just drop it into the organics cart.
- 2 **Kitchen Caddies** - A kitchen caddy is an optional, free 1.5 gallon sealable container that can be placed under your kitchen sink or another convenient area for your household to use. Kitchen caddies lock to keep odors in and once full, can be emptied in your organics cart. After emptying, it can be washed out and is dishwasher safe. **To receive a free EDCO kitchen caddy, please visit our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), and visit the Residential Service's Organics page to place an order.**
- 3 **Containerize It** - Many people have their own containers, such as coffee cans and Tupperware products that they are comfortable using to hold food scraps. Similar to kitchen caddies, once the container is full, it can be taken and emptied into the organics cart.
- 4 **Freeze It** - Several people choose to freeze their food scraps in containers and paper bags and then empty as needed.

Everyone seems to have a different way that works for them, all while getting their food waste into the organics cart.





## Can I use plastic bags for organics, even if they are biodegradable or compostable plastic?

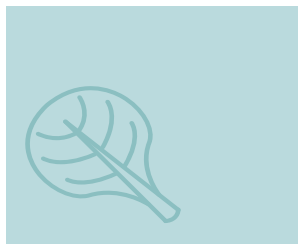
No, please do not use any kind of plastic bags for any type of green waste, food waste or other organics, as they contaminate the Anaerobic Digester! All organic material must be placed loosely inside the organics cart for collection. Paper bags are acceptable.

This new closed-loop system will allow the City of Del Mar to comply with State mandates by reducing the methane that landfilled organics produce and instead harnessing it for use as Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). Your participation also ensures that the City avoids fines of up to \$10,000 per day for failure to meet these objectives.



Use your green organics cart to separate material such as landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and organics, such as food waste, *all mixed together*. For a complete list of material accepted in the organics cart, please refer to our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), enter your zip code, click on the Residential Service tab, and under Curbside Pick Up, click on Organics.

## Why Recycle Food Waste?



Organic waste accounts for over 40% of the material in California's waste stream. Organic material cannot break down when buried in a landfill, as it would in nature or in a compost pile. Instead, it decomposes without oxygen, releasing methane gas into the atmosphere. Organic material (food scraps and yard waste) will soon be recycled when placed in green carts and then transported to EDCO's Anaerobic Digester (AD) Facility, where it will break down and convert into renewable natural gas and fertilizer.

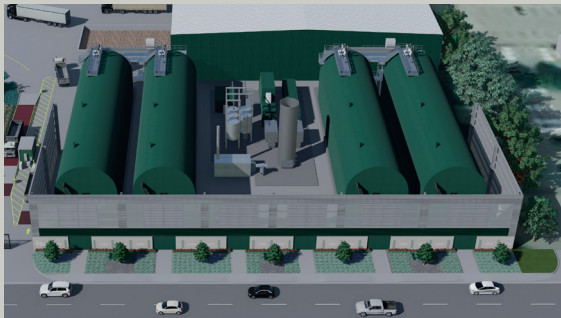
# California State Mandates



With mandatory recycling deadlines on the horizon, the EDCO Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility will allow the City of Del Mar to meet compliance mandates including SB 1383, AB 1594, AB 1826, and AB 827, all of which are directly related to mandatory organics recycling in the State of California.

Primary among these, is SB 1383, which establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law grants the state regulatory agency, CalRecycle, the authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20% of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025. Failure to achieve these targets can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day to a jurisdiction.

## EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Facility



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Since 1967, family-owned and operated EDCO has had a long-standing commitment to reducing impacts on the environment through innovation. EDCO's state-of-the-art Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility began serving customers in early 2021, and will assist Del Mar to be in full compliance with State mandates and keeping us ***On the Road to Zero Waste***.

AD is the natural process in which microorganisms break down organic materials such as food waste, green waste, fats, oils and greases. AD happens in closed spaces where there is no oxygen.

## EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Video



To learn more about EDCO's AD Facility and how it will significantly impact the future of organic waste, please visit our website at [edcodisposal.com](https://edcodisposal.com) and watch our informative video located in our **Resource Center** tab on the home page and under **Videos**!

# FAQS Facts You Need to Know

## Will my collection day change?

**No.** There will be no change to your regular weekly service and scheduled collection day, though the time of day your collection takes place may change. Your current provider will continue to provide weekly collection services through June 30, 2022.

## Can I use regular trash cans or trash bags if I fill my cart before my collection day?

**No.** The waste collection trucks can only pick up the carts provided by EDCO. The mechanical arms that empty EDCO's carts cannot pick up smaller objects such as standard trash cans or plastic bags.

## Why Automated Collection?

Fully automated waste collection is a state-of-the-art waste removal system that is extremely efficient and results in a clean and orderly appearance on waste collection day. EDCO's Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)-powered automated collection trucks are equipped with a robotic arm that mechanically lifts and empties the new carts into the truck.

## Are there three separate collections?

**Yes.** All collection services will be provided on one day per week for each material: trash, recycling and organic waste.

## Why a Separate Collection for Organic Waste?

Organic waste accounts for over 40% of the material in California's waste stream. In order to comply with the State of California's goal to divert 75% of the waste stream from landfills, EDCO is enhancing your recycling program to include a separate organic waste collection. Collecting organic waste separately will help us reach diversion goals and help preserve the life of our landfills by reducing methane emissions.

## How many carts will each single-family household receive?

EDCO will deliver one gray 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon trash cart, one blue 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon recycling cart, and one green 35-, 64-, or 96-gallon organics cart. Residents may request one (1) additional gray trash cart for an extra charge only if they currently have a 64-gallon, or larger, trash cart. Unlimited blue recycling and green organics carts can be requested at no additional cost.

## Where should carts be placed for collection?

Carts should be placed at street level with the wheels against the curb.

## When will new carts be delivered?

New trash, recycling and organic carts will be delivered to all residents starting June 24, 2022 through June 30, 2022. An informational tag will be attached to carts that will offer important information and there will be no change in your collection day.

## What do I do with my old trash cans?

If you do not want your old trash cans, please place a note on them indicating you no longer want them and put them out at the curb on your collection day *the week following the delivery of your new carts*. You may also keep your old cans and reuse them for other household needs.

## Will special trash events and bulky item pickup services still be offered?

**Yes.** Residents can contact EDCO and schedule three bulky item pickups per year of up to five items each pickup. In addition, twice a year the City of Del Mar and EDCO will host Del Mar Recycles events which includes document shredding, free mulch, U-waste, Sharps, and Pharmaceutical Drop-Offs. Residents may also place unwanted cell phones and household batteries in a clear plastic storage bag on top of their blue recycle cart for collection. EDCO will also participate in the City of Del Mar's annual Fuel Reduction Program to accommodate Residential cleanups of weeds, brush and tree trimmings.

Holiday trees will be collected curbside the first two weeks following Christmas on your regular collection day. Trees must be cut into lengths no longer than six (6) feet, be free of ornaments, garlands, tinsel and flocking, and the stands must be removed. Upcoming special event dates, locations and times can be found under the Events tab on the homepage of our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com).



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# NOTICE

Important  
Information Inside  
About EDCO,  
Del Mar's New  
Waste Hauler!

## Questions?

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EDCO understands that questions may arise during this time of change and we are here to help.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office and communicate with a customer service representative. EDCO will answer any questions you may have about your new services and try to resolve any situations you may come across.

Remember, just call EDCO and ***"We'll Take Care of It!"***



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