When you throw that banana peel into the garbage, you might not think much of it. But, did you know that organics waste such as food scraps, plants and cardboard can make a big impact on the environment?

When organics waste goes to the landfill, it can release methane gas into the air as the waste decays over time. Methane is a large source of greenhouse gas emissions that negatively affect the Earth’s atmosphere.

Because of this, California lawmakers have passed new measures to reduce organics waste disposal in the state by 75 percent by 2025—that’s 20 million tons of waste taken out of our landfills.

Another aspect to this new law is encouraging businesses not to throw away unused food, but instead, give it to those in need. Unused food would go to food banks and pantries. Together with AB 1826, businesses are required to recycle their organics waste and keep it out of the landfills. By diverting organics waste to recycling, we can significantly reduce local air quality emissions, improve soil health and water conservation.

For residents, it’s a good time to start thinking about what organics waste you throw away in your garbage containers. Ultimately, this law will apply to households throughout the state, and you’ll be asked to separate out your food waste into a separate container.

It’s never too early to start training yourself. Your efforts will help protect our environment and make all of our lives healthier and happier. Small steps can lead to large benefits.

Visit calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp for additional information.

Organics Waste is the Largest Waste Stream in California

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California Disposed of Approximately 27 Million Tons of Organic Waste in 2017
California Throws Away More than 6 Million Tons of Food Waste Every Year!

In California, Millions are Food Insecure
1 in 8 Californians
1 in 5 Children

Compost Classes
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Want to learn more about how to create your own compost? We’re offering free composting classes to Anaheim Residents at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road in Fullerton. Call the Arboretum at (657) 278-4681 to sign up.

- Basics of Home Composting
  [Saturday: 2/8/20 & 8/29/20]
- Improving Your Composting Skills
  [Saturday: 3/7/20 & 9/26/20]
- Composting with Worms
  [Saturday: 3/28/20 & 10/17/20]
Holiday Collection Schedule
If your regular trash collection day falls on a holiday, your trash will be picked up one day later.

- Christmas Day [Wednesday • 12/25/19]
- New Year’s Day [Wednesday • 1/1/20]
- Memorial Day [Monday • 5/25/20]
- 4th of July* [Saturday • 7/4/20]
- Labor Day [Monday • 9/7/20]
- Thanksgiving Day [Thursday • 11/26/20]
- Christmas Day [Friday • 12/25/20]

*Regular Schedule

Holiday Tree Collection
Holiday trees will be picked up starting Monday, Dec. 30 through Friday, Jan. 10 on your regular trash collection day. Place your tree next to—not in front of—your containers. If your tree is over 6’ tall, please cut in half and remove all tinsel, ornaments and tree stands. You can recycle your Christmas tree by cutting it into small pieces and placing it in your brown yard waste container, or you can add it to your compost bin. If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your management company. Go to Anaheim.net/Recycle for more information.

Plastic Straw Ban
California has become the first state to go straw-free. Since January, 2019, you’ll have to ask for a plastic straw at dine-in, sit-down restaurants, because the new law prohibits them from automatically providing plastic straws to customers. Americans use more than 500 million disposable straws every day.

Paper or reusable metal straws are great options. Think of this as the next step in sustainable practices that have now become common, like reusable water bottles and travel mugs. You can buy your own set of metal straws online for less than $5.

2020 Compost Giveaway
March 7, 2020 • 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. • Honda Center
Mark your calendars! The city of Anaheim and Republic Services will host the 12th Annual Compost Giveaway at Honda Center on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Anaheim Residents should bring their own containers, NO BAGS, to receive up to 60 gallons of nutrient-rich compost material while supplies last. For more information, visit Anaheim.net/Recycle.

Got an Old Couch?
Don’t Just Throw It in the Alley!
You could be fined up to $1,000. It’s not worth it.

Plus, did you know you can get those big items removed for free? All you have to do is schedule an appointment with Republic Services. Curbside bulk item removal is available three times per year, with up to 20 items per pickup.

Call Republic Services at (714) 238-2444 or go to Anaheim.net/RepublicServices for more information.

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