CONTAINER BEST PRACTICES & CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS

It is important to store your solid waste properly, as overflowing containers can lead to water contamination, litter and vector issues. **Lids must be closed**, but not tied down. **Do not overfill containers.**

**Monterey City Code requires commercial containers to:**
- Not be stored on any public right-of-way or property
- Be screened from public view
- Be returned to their stored location within two hours of pickup
- Contain all waste generated by the business and not be overflowing

For more information on waste disposal in Monterey, visit:
- monterey.org/sustainable
- montereydisposal.com
- regenmonterey.org
- calrecycle.ca.gov

SB 1383: CA'S SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT REDUCTION STRATEGY

SB 1383 and Monterey City Code (Chapter 14) require businesses to either:
- **Subscribe to and participate in organics curbside collection service**
- **Self-haul organic waste on a weekly basis** in compliance with Monterey City Code requirements

**Self-haulers for businesses and multifamily complexes with 5+ units are required to maintain records of the amount of organic waste delivered to each facility or activity that recovers it. Records are subject to inspection.**
MONTEREY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING GUIDE

Trash
Non-divertible or non-recyclable material, bagged animal waste, vacuum dust, and cold ashes.

Mixed Recycling
Void of all food, clean and dry!
Please do not bag mixed recycling. Exception: Shredded paper may be placed in a clear plastic bag.

- Paper & Cardboard
  Flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, paper packaging, phone books, books, office paper, junk mail, and shredded paper in clear bags.

- Plastic Containers
  Bottles/containers numbered 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7. Rigid plastics such as buckets, crates, plastic plant pots, etc.

- Glass
  Glass bottles, jars and containers with lids removed.

- Tin & Aluminum
  Tin/steel cans and lids, soda cans, clean aluminum foil, and empty aerosol cans.

Questions?
Call MCDs or download the What Goes Where app! See other side for details.

Food Scraps
Restaurants and food providers may use bags meeting ASTM standards for compostability.
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Cooked meats
- Dairy
- Grains
- Coffee & tea

Do Not Place in Food Waste Cart
- Compostable disposable food service ware
- Plastic
- Paper
- Metal
- Fruit pits (e.g. peach pits)
- Raw meat
- Liquids
- Glass

Mixed Organics
Not available for restaurants and food providers.
- Accepted food scraps
- Lawn clippings & garden trimmings
- Hay/straw
- House plants
- Pine needles
- Small untreated lumber, limbs up to 3” in diameter

Do Not Place in the Mixed Recycling Cart
- Plastic bags/hit plastic
- Tissue paper/napkins
- Compostable plastics
- Hangers
- Items with residue
- Metal pipe or plumbing fixtures
- Plastics not listed above
- Diapers
- Clamshell containers
- Pizza boxes with grease residue
- Clothing & textiles
- Appliances or electronics
- Hazardous waste
- Hypodermic needles
- Batteries
- Garden hoses
- CDs, cassettes, or VCR tapes
- Paper or cardboard with metallic or wax coating
- Christmas lights & decorations
- Plastic utensils
- Paper plates

Do Not Place in Mixed Organics Cart
- Bags
- Dirt, rock or sand
- Cactus or succulents
- Palm fronds
- Painted or treated wood
- Liquids
- Poison oak
- Inorganic materials
- Animal waste
- Pressure treated wood
- Large limbs
- Raw meat

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronic Waste
NO!
Never put these items in these carts!

HHW can be taken to the ReGen Monterey at 14201 Del Monte Boulevard, Marina, CA 93933 (831) 384-5313 regenmonterey.org