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CITY OF CHINO ROLLS OUT ORGANICS RECYCLING STARTING JULY 1

Chino, CA – Starting July 1, the City of Chino will begin rolling out its organics recycling program, which aligns with California’s organic waste reduction law, Senate Bill 1383. This law, which was passed in 2016, requires California cities to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills by 75% by 2025. Organic waste includes food waste, yard waste, and other materials that can be composted or used for energy production. SB 1383 aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills, where it decomposes and produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Over the past several years, the City of Chino has been working with the City’s hauler, Waste Management, to develop a comprehensive organics recycling program to meet the law's requirements. The plan includes outreach and education efforts to residents and businesses, as well as new infrastructure and programs to support organic waste diversion.

The City’s implementation of organics recycling is being phased in, with Chino residents that have standard service consisting of three carts – trash, recycling, and green waste – being the first to recycle organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, using their existing green yard waste carts.

“Like with any new program, there will be a learning curve for all of us as we implement organics recycling,” said City Manager Linda Reich. “Our Public Works team members and Waste Management are here to help all our residents, whether in single-family homes, HOAs, or apartments, successfully implement the program.”

To help explain the organics recycling program, City staff and Waste Management representatives will be hosting informational booths at upcoming Chino Summer Nights movie events on Fridays, July 14, July 21, and July 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the City Hall lawn at 13220 Central Avenue.

Chino residents are also invited to learn more about the City’s implementation of organics recycling and SB 1383 at the Organics Recycling Community Information Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 26 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., both at City Hall Council Chambers. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to learn about what food wastes can be

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recycled, and how to separate and store food scraps prior to placing them in the green organics bin. The first 200 attendees will receive free organics recycling kitchen pails to start collecting their organics scraps. Residents will be mailed informational packets with organics recycling guidelines and tips as the roll-out continues.

Chino commercial customers (businesses and multi-family properties) will also be required to recycle and divert organics from the landfill. Businesses will separate their organic waste from other waste streams and place it in designated containers for collection. In fact, many Chino businesses are already recycling their organics. Businesses and other commercial customers can call Waste Management directly at (800) 423-9986 to get their organics recycling underway.

The new trash rates, which were adopted by the City Council on June 6, 2023 and are in effect as of July 1, include the cost of organics recycling. The organics recycling rates will apply to customers that currently have green carts and can start recycling their organics immediately. For residents who currently do not have a green waste cart, Waste Management will be sending a follow-up notice in the coming weeks explaining the process of obtaining green waste service. Those customers will begin to pay for organics recycling once their green carts are delivered.

Visit our dedicated Organics Recycling web page at cityofchino.org/organics and join our social media channels to learn more about the program and upcoming phases of the roll-out. For questions, email or call Chino staff at wasteandrecycling@cityofchino.org or (909) 334-3282.

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