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"We'll Take Care of It"



Important Information Inside...Please review the information in this brochure for an initial overview about EDCO's services and collection program.

El Cajon's New Hauler

The City of El Cajon conducted an extensive, competitive process to select a service provider best suited for the collection of trash, recycling, and organics. **Family-owned and operated** EDCO was chosen as the City's new hauler as a result of a commitment to providing superior customer service and having the largest network of local recycling processing facilities in San Diego County. This commitment to innovation has continued with the development of an organic infrastructure designed to process commingled organics ensuring the City of El Cajon will be in full compliance with state mandates.

Letter from the City Manager

I am excited to introduce the community to EDCO—the City's new franchise waste hauler. After a 25-year contract with the current provider, 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, businesses, and manufacturers.

On May 12, 2020, 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 know how to keep rates stable, are a leader in waste management technology, are locally-based and family-owned, and have an outstanding customer service reputation.

The City, along with EDCO, is working hard to ensure that on January 1, 2021, the transition to the new operations will be seamless, and our community will be pleased.

Graham Mitchell



Transition Date

Effective January 1, 2021, EDCO will begin providing waste and recycling services to the residents in the City of El Cajon.

As this date approaches, our entire team is preparing for a seamless service transition.

Optimizing Services

EDCO's goal is to provide the most optimal service level for your property and tenants. **Prior to the service conversion in January, EDCO will complete personalized site visits with multi-family complexes to overview service levels and source-separated recycling opportunities.** Owners or managers should contact EDCO for an on-site optimization service review by contacting **Patrick Osio, El Cajon Sustainability Coordinator**, by email at posio@edcodisposal.com or by phone at (619) 287-5696 ext. 4119.

EDCO's Multi-Family Collection Service

New EDCO Collection Containers

Starting December 2020, EDCO will begin exchanging carts, dumpsters, and/or roll-off boxes used to collect solid waste, recyclable materials and organic waste.

Container Sizes

EDCO can provide metal or plastic dumpsters ranging in size from 1 cubic yard to 6 cubic yards. Plastic dumpsters weigh almost half the weight of metal dumpsters, which result in safer handling, a cleaner presentation and reduces potential storm water run-off discharge that is associated with metal containers.



Bundled Collection Service

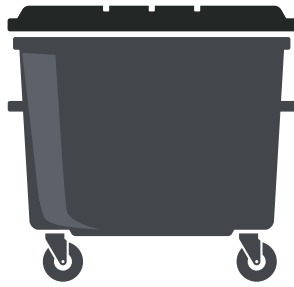
With EDCO, multi-family customers will subscribe to a **bundled collection service which will include trash, recycling, and organics collection all under one collective rate.** EDCO will collect trash, recyclable items and organics separately in three different colored containers: gray for trash, blue for recycling and green for organics, such as landscape waste and food scraps, and will assist multi-family complexes with developing these recycling programs. Starting on January 1, 2021, your new rate will be frozen for the next two years (until Jan. 2023).

By maximizing the use of recycling and organics capacity, multi-

family customers will be able to reduce the number of trash collections per week. Simply put, the more you recycle (recyclables and organics), the less trash service will be needed. Reduced trash service may partially or in some cases, fully offset the cost of new expanded, State mandated programs. EDCO will personally visit complexes to help optimize service and recognize the increased capacity commingled recycling and organics recycling will provide.

EDCO's multi-family collection service includes enhanced services, annual Christmas tree collection, on-call bulky item collection service, and bi-annual cleanup events. *More detailed information on these services will become available in another upcoming mailer.*

Trash Containers



EDCO will provide wheeled carts, dumpsters and/or roll-off boxes for collection of solid waste. Customers will have the opportunity to subscribe to the appropriate service level, that will include carts (32-, 64- and 96-gallons), dumpsters (1 - 6 cubic yards), 3-cubic-yard split dumpsters, as well as roll-off boxes (10 - 40 cubic yards) and serviced at least once per week and up to seven (7) times per week.

Recycling Containers



EDCO will provide each multi-family unit with the equivalent volume of one 32-gallon recycling cart for weekly collection of commingled recycling.

EDCO will also offer split-dumpster service to multi-family customers upon request. These dumpsters will be customized with dual

compartments to handle any combination of trash plus recycling or organics, or recycling plus organics with equivalent service capacity to your complex.

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Use your blue recycling container 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. Please help prevent contamination by not placing any trash or non-recyclable items in your blue recycling container.

Does recyclable material need to be bagged?



No, 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 Service

EDCO will provide each multi-family unit with the equivalent volume of one 32-gallon organics cart for weekly collection of organic waste. EDCO will also offer split-dumpster service to multi-family customers upon request. These dumpsters will be customized with dual compartments to handle any combination of trash plus recycling or organics, or recycling plus organics with equivalent service capacity to your complex. **EDCO is here to help you! EDCO will complete personalized site visits with multi-family complexes to overview service levels and source-separated recycling opportunities.** Customers should contact EDCO for an on-site optimization service review by contacting **Patrick Osio, El Cajon Sustainability Coordinator**, by email at posio@edcodisposal.com or by phone at (619) 287-5696 ext. 4119.



This new closed-loop system will allow the City of El Cajon to comply with SB 1383 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.

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

There are many different ways to cleanly 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 taken to your organics cart and emptied onto the green waste. After emptying, it can be washed out and is dishwasher safe. To receive a free EDCO kitchen caddy, please visit our website, 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 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 or dumpster for collection. Paper bags are acceptable.



Organic Waste



Organic waste is a renewable natural resource. It mainly comes from yard and kitchen waste from homes, and food waste and scraps from industrial and commercial operations.

Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step to achieving California’s Zero Waste goals. EDCO has constructed the first state-of-the-art, advanced technology Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility in San Diego County, capable of producing renewable natural gas that will serve

the needs of the region.

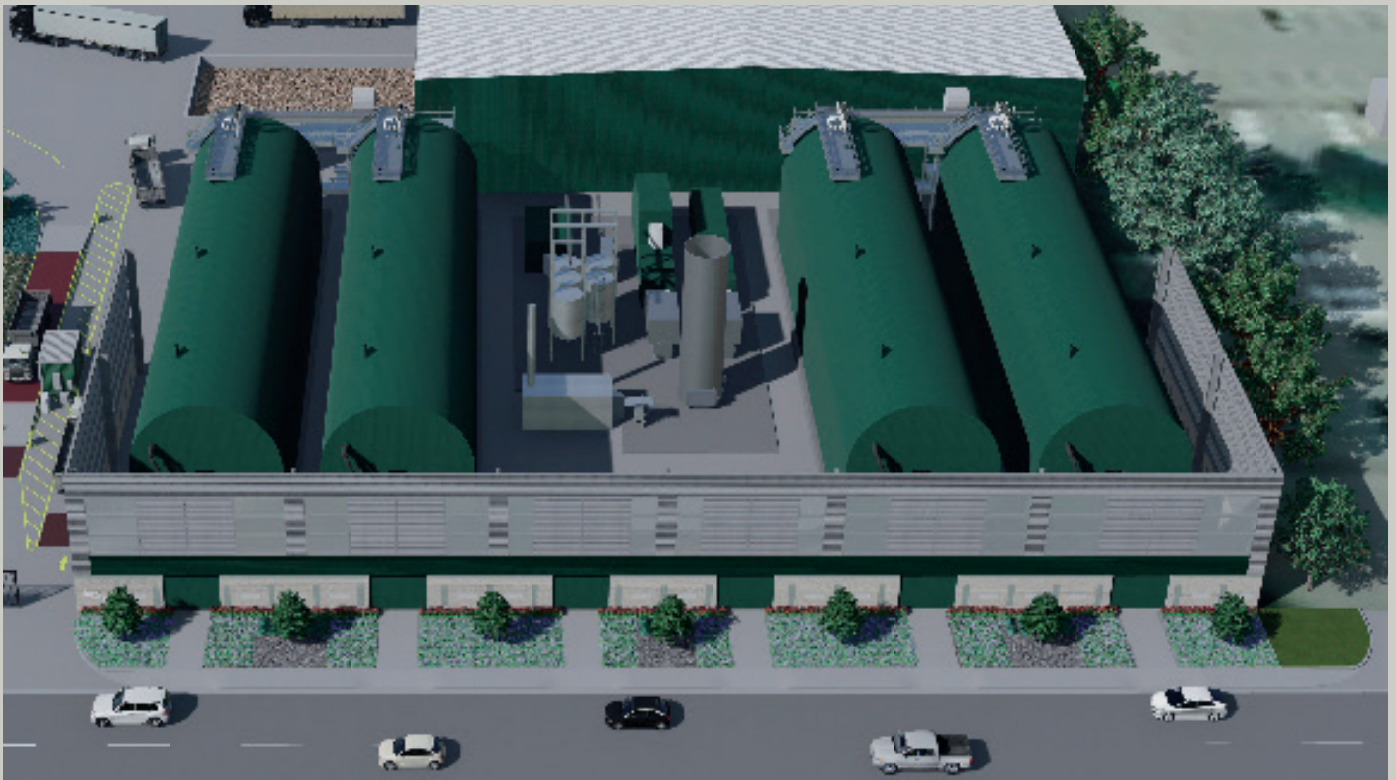
AD is an efficient and environmentally sustainable technology that can make a significant contribution to the management of organic waste in California. Capturing and reducing the amount of methane released into the atmosphere is critical in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for ourselves and future generations.

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 AD Facility, where it will break down and convert into renewable natural gas and fertilizer.

EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Facility

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 AD Facility will begin serving customers in early 2021, assisting El Cajon to be in full compliance with state mandates and keeping us *On the Road to Zero Waste*.

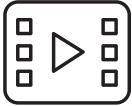


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AD is the natural process in which microorganisms break down organic materials such as food waste, green waste, fats, oils and greases. AD happens in closed spaces where there is no oxygen.

Recycling organics is easy and convenient with EDCO's commingled organics recycling program. Through EDCO's new AD Facility, EDCO has expanded source-separated green waste collection to include the recycling of food waste. This service now allows customers to place food scraps in the same container as green waste. EDCO's AD Facility will be a foundation for El Cajon to achieve State mandates which are directly related to recycling organics in California.

EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Video



To learn more about EDCO's new AD Facility and how it will significantly impact the future of organic waste, please visit our website at edcodisposal.com and watch our informative video and live webcam located on the home page under Recycling Videos!

California State Mandates



With mandatory recycling deadlines on the horizon, the EDCO AD facility will allow the City of El Cajon to meet compliance mandates including AB 1826 and SB 1383, which are directly related to organic recycling in the State of California.

AB 1826 - Requires apartments and condos, greater than five (5) units, that generate organic waste to arrange for recycling services for that waste, and for jurisdictions to implement a recycling program to divert organic waste from businesses subject to the law, as well as report to the State of California on their progress in implementing an organic waste recycling program.

SB 1383 - Establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory 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.





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NOTICE


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About EDCO,
El Cajon's New
Waste &
Recycling Collector!



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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COMING SOON! More service details, collection information, cart dimensions and limits, etc. will follow in another informational mailer later this month.