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WASTE & RECYCLING NEWSLETTER FOR SEAL BEACH

Bulky trash? Electronics? Call to schedule a pickup!

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Republic Services will pick up bulky items, such as old furniture and appliances, as well as electronics, at the curb. However, you must call 800-299-4898 at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a special bulky-item pickup. Why do you need to make the call? It's simple — Republic Services sends out a different truck and crew to pick up bulky items and electronics. If you don't make the call, Customer Service doesn't know to send out the truck. You can also request a bulky-item pickup using the My Resource™ app or online at RepublicOnline.com.

Single-family residential customers may request free pickup for two bulky or electronic items per year. Additional pickups are available for a fee. If you are doing a large clean-out or remodeling your home, call Republic at 800-299-4898 to learn more about renting a larger waste container. These can be delivered to your driveway and picked up when you have filled them. Please don't place bulky items or



electronics at the curb unless you have called to schedule a pickup!

If you live in a multi-family complex, check with your property manager to find out how to dispose of bulky items.

Has a furry friend shredded your favorite loveseat? Call Republic Services to schedule a bulky item pickup.

Over the past several years, Republic Services has moved from small, local call centers to regional customer service centers. While these centers offer more hours of coverage and more consistent service, there have been some growing pains along the way. We are happy to report that the regional call center handling Seal Beach customer questions has added more service representatives and wait times are down. Our customer service staff is ready to assist you when you call 800-299-4898.

You can also use the My Resource™ app from any connected device to make customer service requests. Using the app, you can request repair or replacement of residential containers, schedule a special pickup, report a missed pickup, and receive alerts from Republic Services. Business customers can also order additional services. You can download My Resource at the App Store or Google Play or sign up online at RepublicOnline.com.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle plastic bag waste

Reduce plastic bag waste. Say “no thanks” to the bag when you only have one or two items. Carry reusable shopping bags to all of your favorite stores — not just the supermarket. Use washable containers for leftovers instead of using zippered plastic food storage bags.

Reuse bags around the house. Larger plastic bags can be used as trash liners for small waste baskets. Smaller bags, such as bread bags, can be used for food storage or for pet waste disposal.

Recycle empty, clean plastic bags, such as shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, and plastic wrappers from cases of water bottles and other drinks. Plastic bags are accepted for recycling in your All-in-One Recycling™ container. Please place all bags and film into one bag and tie it shut. Toss your “bag ball” into the container for recycling.

Many local retailers also accept plastic bags and film for recycling. For locations, visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org.



Republic's All-in-One Recycling™ plan will make your job easier

Whether you are running a business or managing a multi-family property, recycling is part of your job. Republic Services can help make that part of your job easier by performing a free waste assessment and creating an All-in-One Recycling™ plan for you. With this plan, you can make sure that you have the right containers and the right levels of service. Republic can also provide indoor containers, posters, and additional tools. If you have questions about your business or multi-family recycling program or wish to make changes or improvements, call Republic Services at 800-299-4898.

Under state law AB 341, recycling is mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units.

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Food Finders: During the first quarter of 2018, Republic Services customers donated 91 tons of edible food to Food Finders. That food created more than 152,255 meals! If your business would like to learn more about or begin donating edible food through this partnership, please call Republic Services at 562-347-4100. In addition to helping feed hungry people, food donation can help your business meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 1826, which mandates food waste reduction and organics recycling.



Be a better recycler

Tips to reduce recycling contamination at home and at work

Recycling contamination results from placing trash or unacceptable materials into recycling containers, as well as including unwanted substances such as residual food or liquid. Once a contaminated item comes into contact with other recyclables, the entire batch can potentially become contaminated.

"We all play a critical role in keeping our community recycling programs running properly and helping to reduce contamination," said Pete Keller, vice president of recycling and sustainability. "Many consumers are placing contaminated items into their containers and consequently, many of those recyclables end up in the landfill and not where they were intended. Throughout the year, we encourage everyone to help reduce contamination by incorporating four easy tips into your daily routine."

Tip #1: Only Place These Recyclables in the Curbside Recycling Container

Keep it simple and focus on these six categories of curbside recyclables:

- Paper, including newspapers, envelopes, mail, phone books, and magazines
- Flattened cardboard, file folders, and poster board
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Plastic bags and film (bagged)
- Aluminum and tin food and beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars

Tip #2: Recyclables Should Be Empty, Clean, and Dry

Make sure recyclables are empty of any contents, clean of any residue, and dry before placing them into the recycling container.

Tip #3: When In Doubt, Throw It Out

Many folks put items into the recycling container hoping that they are recyclable. Despite these good intentions, some items should not be mixed in with clean recyclables. If you are questioning whether something is recyclable or not, remember this advice, "When in doubt, throw it out."

Tip #4: Know What Should Never Be Placed in the Curbside Recycling Container

Never place these items into a curbside recycling container:

- Food waste
- Clothing, shoes, and other textiles
- Yard waste, plants, grass clippings
- Electrical cords and garden hoses
- Disposable diapers and puppy pads
- Tissues, paper towels, paper napkins, and hardcover books
- Treated or contaminated wood, sheetrock, or drywall
- Metal such as chains, tools, and car parts
- Electronic devices and equipment, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and ballasts (For business customers, Republic offers programs to recycle electronics securely and responsibly and to safely dispose of batteries, bulbs, and ballasts.)



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Charcoal and ashes should never be placed directly into your waste container. Improperly discarded material can pose a fire risk and jeopardize the safety and health of the truck driver, waste and recycling facility workers, and the public.

Charcoal and ashes can remain hot enough to start a fire for many hours, perhaps days, after you think the fire is out. As a safety precaution, treat all charcoal and ashes as hot. Follow these guidelines for safe disposal:

- Allow coals to burn out completely and let ashes cool at least 48 hours.
- Wrap ashes in heavy-duty aluminum foil and place them in your waste container. (Keep container outdoors.)
- If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, soak them in water and then wrap them in heavy-duty foil.
- Be sure there are no other combustible materials nearby.
- **Do not place** ashes and charcoal in your recycling and/or yardwaste containers.



Republic Services drivers honored

Republic Services collection drivers Toribio Gonzalez and Chuck Thorpe received the National Waste & Recycling Association's (Nwra) Driver of the Year awards. Each year, Nwra celebrates the industry's best drivers with the distinguished recognition based upon exemplary safety records and customer service. The drivers were honored in Las Vegas in April at the 2018 WasteExpo, North America's largest annual waste industry tradeshow.

"We unequivocally prioritize safety above all else," said Jon Vander Ark, chief operating officer. "It's the foundation of our business and the cornerstone upon which our initiatives and programs are built. It's why we have established a best-in-class driver training program that enables our drivers across the country to continually improve. It's also fundamental to our commitment to our customers and how we make a positive impact each day in the communities we serve. On behalf of Republic and our 35,000 employees, I congratulate Toribio, Chuck, and their families on this extraordinary recognition."

Toribio Gonzalez, who was named Driver of the Year in the Large Industrial Truck category, works out of Republic's Huntington Beach division. Toribio has devoted more than three decades of service to the industry, starting out as a residential driver, promoted to a commercial driver, and currently as an industrial truck driver. Over the past 30 years, Toribio has maintained a perfect safety record with zero incidents or injuries, and he has never taken an unscheduled day off.

Toribio received Republic's Dedicated to Excellence and Dedicated to Safety awards in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Averaging 310 miles and collecting 180 tons of waste each week, he is considered a leader and role model for fellow drivers and serves as a mentor for new drivers, inspiring team members to approach the day with a positive attitude and a willingness to always go above and beyond for customers.

Charles Thorpe received the Driver of the Year award in the Large Residential Truck category. Chuck is part of Republic's Northeast Area based in Telford, Pennsylvania. Averaging 3,200 residential stops or pickups a week, he has earned and maintained an impeccable safety record with over 20 years incident and injury free. Chuck drives an average of 500 miles per week, collecting 60 tons of waste.

Chuck has established a reputation as a leader and selfless team member. He takes great pride in the community he serves, but is also willing to go above and beyond for the Company. Chuck is part of Republic's SOS program, which consists of drivers from across the country who are deployed to service routes in the aftermath of natural disasters. He flew to Texas and Massachusetts last year to help local teams impacted by the storms.

For over 25 years, the Nwra Driver of the Year program has honored drivers who have upheld the field of recycling and waste collections as an honorable occupation and have conducted themselves and the vehicles they operate in a safe and responsible manner. Republic drivers have won



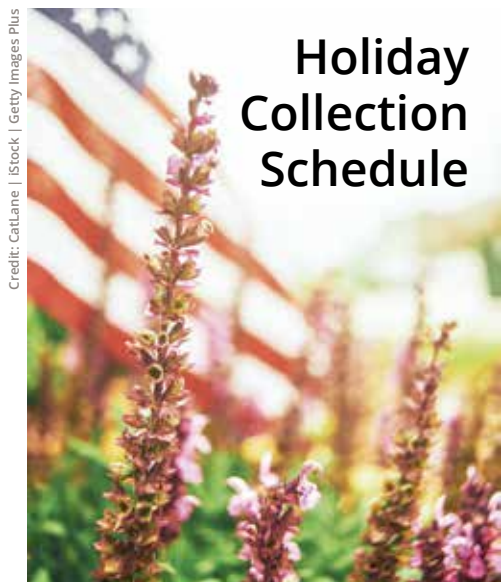
Republic Services CEO Don Slager (center) with award-winning drivers Chuck Thorpe (left) and Toribio Gonzalez (right)

75% of the Driver of the Year awards in the large truck category since 2009.

Republic's relentless commitment to safety has led to the formation of comprehensive, industry-leading safety programs that rely on continual training to reduce incident frequency. Last year, more than 13,500 employees earned Republic's Dedicated to Safety award and roughly 4,700 employees received the Dedicated to Excellence recognition. Over the past 10 years, Republic's safety performance, based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) data, has been 41% better than the industry average.

The Company's **"Think. Choose. Live."** slogan encapsulates their number one safety message to employees: Think about what you are doing. Choose the safe answer. Live to go home to your family.

Republic's drivers begin their employment with week-long equipment training that focuses on skill set verification at one of 22 driver training safety centers nationwide. This initial training is followed by weeks of in-cab instruction and evaluation. Throughout their tenure, Republic drivers participate in monthly supervisor-led training focused on eliminating incidents.



Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no waste and recycling service on these holidays. If your service day is on or after the holiday, your pickup service will be delayed by one day.

- Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2018
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2018
- Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2019

What Is Green Waste?

- ✓ Yard waste, such as vegetative cuttings, shrubs, brush, grass, tree trimmings, and prunings
- ✓ Untreated wood waste, such as branches and stumps
- ✓ Similar materials generated by homeowners from their lawns and gardens or by commercial or nonresidential activities



Tree trimmings



Grass clippings



Leaves



Branches and stumps



Prunings

Green waste goes into your green yard-waste container.

Managing organic waste at your business

Organic waste comprises 40% of the material Californians landfill annually. A state law, Assembly Bill 1826, includes a requirement that businesses and multi-family complexes which generate organic waste must arrange for organic waste recycling. Already affected are those businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week. (One cubic yard is 3 feet wide by 3 feet high by 3 feet deep, or slightly larger than a residential washing machine.) Apartment complexes and other multi-family complexes are only required to have a landscape and pruning waste recycling program and are not required to provide food waste recycling at this time.



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Your business can reduce organic waste by composting on site, reducing food purchases, and donating excess food.

For a complete list of frequently asked questions about AB 1826, please visit CalRecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics.

Depending on your business operations and location, you may need yardwaste and/or food waste containers. Republic Services can help you determine how AB 1826 affects your business and provide the proper containers and collection service. To start organics recycling or improve your organics collection program, call Republic Services at 800-299-4898.



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Attention, restaurants and food service providers!

How to start a food waste recycling program

Step 1: Enroll for organics collection service. Posters and stickers will be provided during sign-up.

Step 2: Purchase green "slim-jim" containers for inside the kitchen, or repurpose your current containers as designated "compost containers."

Step 3: Stage the compost containers in food waste hot spot areas, such as prep areas and dishwashing stations. Line the compost containers with **clear plastic bags** (if needed).

Step 4: Train staff to place **only food waste** in these containers. Once filled, place food waste bags into the food waste bins outdoors.

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