



CASCADE DISPOSAL

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Bend Garbage & Recycling and Cascade Disposal Begin Residential Pilot Food Waste Curbside Collection

Bend, OR – Bend Garbage & Recycling and Cascade Disposal are introducing a residential food waste pilot program, expanding the type of foods they accept for curbside collection. Beginning November 5th, both companies will roll out a pilot program in certain areas of Bend to collect all food waste curbside from residents identified in the pilot program.

Designated yard debris customers within the city limits of Bend will be notified by Bend Garbage & Recycling and Cascade Disposal about the pilot program. Participating households can add all food scraps directly into their yard debris carts, along with their yard trimmings. The yard debris and food scraps will be processed into nutrient rich compost by Deschutes Recycling.

“Anyone with yard debris subscription service who lives in the pilot areas can participate,” says Brad Bailey, President Bend Garbage & Recycling. “Under the pilot program, nearly every type of food scrap will be accepted, including meat, dairy, produce and bakery.”

Customers participating in the pilot program will receive a two-gallon kitchen pail to store food scraps, which can then be emptied into yard debris carts for collection. There will be no changes to the customers’ normal yard debris collection schedule. They will also receive an outline of what materials can and can’t be included.

Erwin Swetnam, Cascade Disposal District Manager says, “We’ve been accepting raw fruit and vegetable scraps in the yard debris program for several years. The pilot program will build on the success of our existing yard debris and vegetative waste program and now accept all food scraps.” Swetnam adds, “We are excited to offer another opportunity for our customers to divert their waste and help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from the landfill.”

Materials that cannot go in the cart include plastics bags of any kind, produce stickers, plastic containers, packaging, compostable plastics, foodware, paper, metals, or garbage.

For more information about recycling in your area, visit bendgarbage.com or cascadedisposal.com.

About Bend Garbage & Recycling

Bend Garbage & Recycling provides residential, commercial and industrial garbage and recycling collection. Family owned and operated since 1960. Visit bendgarbage.com.

About Cascade Disposal

Cascade Disposal is a solid waste company which provides collection, transfer and recycling services. Serving the south side of Bend and Deschutes County. Visit cascadedisposal.com.

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