Blue and Gray Two-Container Organic Waste Collection Service

Blue Container

Materials: Recyclable materials such as metal, glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard

Jurisdictions may send blue container material directly to a recycling processor* or to a transfer/processing facility or operation first. Jurisdictions may provide split containers to further source-separate recyclable material.

*If the material is sent to a consolidation site as defined in 14 CCR Section 17402(a)(0.5), then the consolidation site would be required to send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation that complies with 14 CCR Section 17409.5.1.

Gray Container

Materials: Solid waste (trash) and organic materials such as food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste

Jurisdictions must send the gray container mixed-waste material to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility where organic waste is recovered and sent to a recovery activity and residual waste is sent to a landfill.

