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COUNTY OF
IMPERIAL

New Residential Collection Services Effective July 1, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

June 4, 2026

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Dear Imperial County Resident:

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Effective July 1, 2026, Imperial County (County) residents within the franchise zones will receive the required 3-container system to implement a solid waste collection program to comply with State law. **You have been identified as being located within a franchise zone subject to State Law.** The County is in the process of rolling out its new residential collection program in partnership with the County's franchise waste haulers: CR&R Environmental Services (CR&R) and Republic Services (Republic).

The County's 3-container system residential collection program includes a:

- **Green container** for organics (food waste, food-soiled paper, yard trimmings, & paper products)
- **Blue container** for recyclables (clean paper products, metal cans, plastic, and glass)
- **Black container** for trash (no organics and no recyclable items)

In June, one of the County's franchise haulers will deliver a set of three carts to your property. Service fees for the minimum service level will be collected through your property tax bill.

Your franchise waste hauler will send educational materials, service details, and contact information in the coming weeks.

What is State law?

State law requires that all residents and businesses participate in an organic waste recycling program to separate organic waste from trash that is sent to the landfill. Additionally, it requires the County to issue monetary penalties to those who do not comply.

What is Required of Residents?

Residents will be required to separate the following from trash generated at their property:

- Place food waste, food-soiled paper, yard trimmings, paper products (e.g., cardboard, office paper, newspaper) in the green "organics" container
- Place recyclables clean paper products, metal cans, plastic bottles/jugs, and glass jars/bottles in the blue "recycle" container.

Where Can I Find More Information?

For more information about, and updates on, State law, please visit CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/> or the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency's website at <https://www.ivrma.org/>.

Thank you for your attention to this notification. For questions regarding the new program, please contact your franchise waste hauler: CR&R at (760) 482-5656 or Republic at (760) 377-2417 or (760) 337-2418.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jose Castaneda', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jose Castaneda, M.B.A.

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County of Imperial