

YERBA BUENA GARDENS WASTE SORTING SERVICES RFP

FAQs

1) What is the current volume of waste produced at Yerba Buena Gardens?

Approximately 20-yards of landfill weekly and 12-yards of dedicated cardboard waste monthly is currently produced at Yerba Buena Gardens. Yerba Buena Gardens is an outdoor public open space as well as a cultural hub with a variety of operating businesses. Waste is produced daily by the public, outdoor and indoor tenant events, offices, arts organizations, museums, and restaurants; a total of 8 different entities. All businesses will be required to pre-sort their waste; restaurants already do so. Snapshots of current waste and pre-pandemic waste averages are attached herein.

2) Is Yerba Buena Gardens' waste currently sorted?

Not currently. All waste is disposed of in a 20-yard landfill debris dumpster, except for cardboard. Due to the pandemic, sorting services were temporarily paused. The Conservancy is now positioned to restart sorting to comply with the City's Zero Waste program.

3) When was the last SF Department of Environment Large Refuse Generator audit completed?

Audit was completed on March 1, 2022. A copy is attached herein.

4) When will the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy begin its waste sorting services?

July 1, 2022

5) What type(s) and size(s) of waste dumpsters are at Yerba Buena Gardens?

(1) 20-yard open top, with side door (Recology)

(1) 6-yard cardboard open top (Recology)

(1) 20-yard recycle compactor (YBGC owned)

The type and size of dumpsters will change when sorting services begin.

6) What is the preferred waste sorting schedule?

The schedule should be set for late afternoon, early evening. But must remain flexible and is dependent on Gardens events and activities.

7) What is the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy Janitorial waste receptacle service frequency?

The Janitorial team services the outdoor Gardens receptacles 3x daily. The Conservancy's tenants also have access to the waste dumpsters, and their waste delivery frequency varies depending on their operating hours.

- 8) Does Yerba Buena Gardens host events? If so, how does it manage the waste produced?***For large scale events that provide food and beverage for their attendees, the event client is required to, 1) hire a waste sorting company to assist with the waste at the event location, 2) rent additional Recology debris dumpsters so event waste is maintained separate from the Gardens property waste, and 3) hire additional sorter(s) through YBGC's sorting contractor to assist with end stream sorting. The event client's third-party sorting company will pre-sort the waste in the event location and event janitors will pick-up and transfer the waste bags to the YBG loading dock sorting station.*
- 9) Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy supports SEIU Local 87:**
The Conservancy subcontracts its Janitorial staff through ABLE and has an agreement in place with SEIU Local 87. Contractors must comply with prevailing wage.

**YERBA BUENA GARDENS
CONSERVANCY**

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JAN - APR 2022
*No Sorting***

JAN		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	80	20yd
CARDBOARD	6	6yd

FEB		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	80	20yd
CARDBOARD	6	6yd

MAR		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	120	20yd; increase due to events
CARDBOARD	6	6yd

**YERBA BUENA GARDENS
MAY, JUL, AUG 2019
*3rd Party Sorting***

MAY (Volumetric Diversion Rate: unknown / Diversion Discount: unknown)		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	140	14yd
RECYCLE COMPACTOR	20	20yd Compactor
COMPOST	60	20yd

JUL (Volumetric Diversion Rate: 67% / Diversion Discount: 42%)		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	196	14yd
RECYCLE COMPACTOR	100	20yd Compactor
COMPOST	100	20yd

AUG (Volumetric Diversion Rate: 64% / Diversion Discount: 39%)		
Dumpster Type	Monthly Volume	Size of Dumpster
LANDFILL	182	14yd
RECYCLE COMPACTOR	80	20yd Compactor
COMPOST	80	20yd

Date
Tuesday,
03/01/2022

Refuse Separation Compliance Ordinance: TRASH AUDIT

Time
12:24 AM

Customer
YERBA BUENA GARDENS SF
Service Level
20YD box serviced Tuesdays

Address
750 HOWARD ST

Account Number
528471

Trash Audit Results

Overall Load Condition*
FAIL

Contamination in Load
Excessive Contamination

Evidence of Sorting
None

Contaminants Observed in Trash

COMPOST Observed in Trash

- Soiled Paper Products
- Yard Waste
- Wood - Unpainted / Untreated
- Food Scraps
- Coated Cardboard
- Certified Compostable Products

- Other (see notes)
- C&D Debris
- Packaged Food
- Loose Textiles/Fabrics
- Chemicals / Paint
- Electronics / Universal Waste
- Other Hazardous Waste

RECYCLING Observed in Trash

- Glass
- Rigid Plastics - Misc.
- Metals - Misc.
- Misc. Recyclables
- Mixed Paper - Clean
- Clean Cardboard

Photos



1. 20YD trash box for 750 Howard st



2. Entire Trash load for 750 Howard St

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3. Soiled paper bags, soiled cardboard and yard waste belongs in the composting. Plastic bottles and paper cups belong in the recycling. Snack wrappers and plastic film belongs in the trash.



4. Yard waste belongs in the composting.



5. Soiled paper bags, paper towels, soiled paper and paper to go containers belong in the composting. Paper cups and plastic cups belong in the recycling. Plastic bags belong in the trash.



6. Plastic film and plastic bags belongs in the trash. Paper cups belong in the recycling. Food scraps, paper plates, paper towels and yard waste belongs in the composting. Plastic film and plastic bags belongs in the trash.

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7. Rigid plastics, clean cardboard and paper cups belongs in the recycling. Soiled paper, soiled paper bags and paper towels belongs in the composting. Clean paper belongs in the recycling. Plastic film and plastic bags belongs in the trash.



8. Loose shredded paper and paper towels belongs in the composting. Snack wrappers, plastic bags and plastic strapping belongs in the trash. Clean paper belongs in the recycling.



9. Shoes, plastic film and plastic bags belongs in the trash. Soiled paper bags, paper to go containers, soiled paper and paper towels belongs in the composting. Clean cardboard, plastic to go containers, plastic bottles and plastic cups belong in the recycling.



10. Soiled paper bags, paper to go containers, chopsticks, paper towels, and compostable utensils belong in the composting. Aluminum trays, plastic to go containers, gable top containers and plastic cups belong in the recycling.

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11. Plastic bags, textiles and plastic film belongs in the trash. Paper plates belongs in the composting. Plastic bottles, clean cardboard, clean paper bags, rigid plastics, plastic bottles and clean paper belong in the recycling.



12. Paper cups, plastic bottles, gable top cartons and aluminum cans belong in the recycling. Disinfecting wipes, diapers, plastic film and plastic bags belong in the trash.



13. Plastic bottles, paper cups, and clean paper bags belong in the recycling. Paper towels belong in the composting.



14. Soiled paper bags, food residue, and paper towels belong in the composting. Plastic film and plastic bags belong in the trash. Rigid plastic containers, aluminum trays and paper cups belong in the recycling.

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15. Plastic bags belong in the trash. Plastic cups, paper cups, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans belong in the recycling. Paper towels and paper to go containers belong in the composting.



16. Plastic bottles and clean cardboard belongs in the recycling. Paper towels, soiled paper bags and paper to go containers belong in the composting. Latex gloves, plastic bags, and plastic film and snack wrappers belong in the trash.

Explanation of Load Condition

Load failed the audit due to high level of contamination

Recommendations

- Materials such as food scraps, food-soiled paper, napkins, and paper towels, soiled cardboard, pizza boxes, coated cardboard, toilet paper rolls, items labeled “compostable” and yard trimmings belong in the compost.
- Materials such as clean cardboard, clean paper, paper cups, glass bottles, metal cans, foil, and trays; rigid plastic containers, cups, bottles, jugs, utensils, and lids; gable-top cartons, and aseptic cartons belong in recycling.

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