

FAQ REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION IN SEBASTOPOL

Why is Sonoma County Resource Recovery (SCRR) taking over solid waste collection?

The City's previous franchise agreement with Recology expires on June 30, 2025. After a competitive process, the City entered into a franchise agreement with SCRR to commence solid waste collection services on July 1, 2025. More information about that process and decision is available at <https://www.cityofsebastopol.gov/sonoma-county-resource-recovery-scr-selected-as-sebastopols-solid-waste-service-contractor/>

If I don't want to use SCRR to collect my trash, can I hire someone else?

No. SCRR has the exclusive right to collect and dispose of solid waste (trash, recyclable and organic materials) within the City of Sebastopol, with very limited exceptions. It is illegal to hire any other company to collect your solid waste.

Can I transport solid waste from my home or business myself?

Yes. Businesses and residents may transport and dispose of the solid waste they generate themselves, without using SCRR (this is known as "self-hauling"). Self-haulers must separate garbage, recycling, and organic materials and bring each to an appropriate permitted processing or disposal facility using their own employees and equipment. Self-haulers must comply with certain other specific requirements contained in Sebastopol Municipal Code section 13.16.022(I).

Can another home or business use my collection containers rather than get their own?

Every residential property and business in the City is required to subscribe to garbage, recycling and organics collection services, with limited exceptions. Multi-family properties may have one account covering all of the units at the site. Businesses on the same site may choose to share service or obtain independent service.

My business doesn't generate any organic waste, do I need to sign up for that service?

Commercial businesses that generate de minimis (very minor) amounts of organic waste can apply for a waiver of the requirement to obtain organics service. Please contact SCRR at 707-795-7470 to determine eligibility and obtain information about related requirements.

My business doesn't have room for three containers, do I need to sign up for all those services?

Commercial businesses that can demonstrate that they do not have adequate space for the collection containers may apply for a waiver of some of the requirements to obtain

organics and/or recycling services. Please contact the SCRR at 707-795-7470 to determine eligibility and obtain information about related requirements.

Can I lock my solid waste containers so others can't use them?

Yes, customers may request locking containers from SCRR (for an additional charge) or may choose to lock their solid waste containers themselves. However, customers are responsible for any damage the locks cause to the containers.

Can I put my address on my containers?

Yes, you may paint or otherwise write your address on your containers. However, the containers are SCRR's property, and any markings should not deface, damage, or interfere with container labels or color requirements as mandated by State regulations.

**FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CALL
SONOMA COUNTY RESOURCE
RECOVERY (SCRR) AT
(707) 795-7470**