

# INTRODUCING EDCO

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*“We’ll Take Care of It”*



Important Information Inside...Please review the information in this brochure for an initial overview about EDCO’s services and collection program.

## El Cajon’s New Hauler

The City of El Cajon conducted an extensive, competitive process to select a service provider best suited for the collection of trash, recycling, and organics. **Family-owned and operated** EDCO was chosen as the City’s new hauler as a result of a commitment to providing superior customer service and having the largest network of local recycling processing facilities in San Diego County. This commitment to innovation has continued with the development of an organic infrastructure designed to process commingled organics ensuring the City of El Cajon will be in full compliance with state mandates.



### Transition Date

**Effective January 1, 2021,** EDCO will begin providing waste and recycling services in the City of El Cajon.

As this date approaches, our entire team is preparing for a seamless service transition.

## Letter from the City Manager

I am excited to introduce the community to EDCO—the City’s new franchise waste hauler. After a 25-year contract with the current provider, the City felt the time had come to bid for these essential services competitively. The City was fortunate to choose from three quality companies that offered competitive pricing for the City’s residents, businesses, and manufacturers.

On May 12, 2020, the City Council approved an agreement with EDCO to be the City’s new franchise waste hauler. EDCO’s services will include collecting trash, recycling, and organics. EDCO shines in several areas important to the City—they know how to keep rates stable, are a leader in waste management technology, are locally-based and family-owned, and have an outstanding customer service reputation.

The City, along with EDCO, is working hard to ensure that on January 1, 2021, the transition to the new operations will be seamless, and our community will be pleased.

Graham Mitchell

# Optimizing Services

EDCO's goal is to provide the most optimal service level for your business. **EDCO will provide personalized site visits to commercial customers and review service levels and source-separated recycling opportunities.** Owners or managers should contact EDCO for an on-site optimization service review by contacting **Patrick Osio, El Cajon Sustainability Coordinator**, by email at **posio@edcodisposal.com** or by phone at (619) 287-5696 ext. 4119.

## EDCO's Commercial Collection Service

**New EDCO Collection Containers** Starting December 2020, EDCO will begin exchanging carts, dumpsters, and/or roll-off boxes used to collect solid waste, recyclable materials and organic waste.

### Container Sizes

EDCO can provide metal or plastic dumpsters ranging in size from 1 cubic yard to 6 cubic yards. Plastic dumpsters weigh almost half the weight of metal dumpsters, which result in safer handling, a cleaner presentation and reduces potential storm water run-off discharge that is associated with metal containers.

*EDCO will also offer split-dumpster service to commercial customers upon request. These dumpsters will be customized with dual compartments to handle any combination of trash plus recycling or organics, or recycling plus organics.*



### Bundled Collection Service

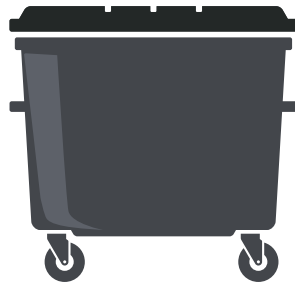
With EDCO, commercial customers will subscribe to a **bundled collection service which will include trash, recycling, and organics collection all under one collective rate.** EDCO will collect trash, recyclable items and organics separately in three different colored containers: gray for trash, blue for recycling and green for organics, such as yard waste and food scraps, and will assist businesses and commercial properties with developing these recycling programs.

By maximizing recycling and organics capacity,

commercial customers are able to reduce their trash collection rate. Simply put, the more you recycle (recyclables and organics), the less you pay for trash service. The way to offset this, is to use your recycling capacity to lower your trash rate. EDCO will personally visit businesses to help optimize service.

EDCO's commercial collection service includes enhanced services such as bundled recycling and organics collection, bulky-item on-call collection (additional fee), overloaded container handling and service guidance.

# Trash Containers



EDCO will provide wheeled carts, dumpsters and/or roll-off boxes for collection of solid waste. Customers will have the opportunity to subscribe to the appropriate service level, that will include carts (32-, 64- and 96-gallons), dumpsters (1 - 6 cubic yards), 3-cubic-yard split dumpsters, as well as roll-off boxes (10 - 40 cubic yards) and serviced at least once per week and up to seven (7) times per week.

# Recycling Containers



EDCO will provide each commercial customer with a minimum recycling service level of one 96-gallon recycling cart for weekly collection of commingled recycling.

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These dumpsters will be customized with

dual compartments to handle any combination of trash plus recycling or organics, or recycling plus organics with equivalent service capacity to your business. This provides customers, especially with space constraints, the ultimate flexibility in service options.

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Additional commercial recycling collection service can be provided for an additional cost in variable size recycling carts and/or dumpsters, with the volume, collection frequency, and container type based on the individual needs of the business or property. An effective commercial recycling program can minimize the amount of trash service needed and reduce your monthly bill!

## Does recyclable material need to be bagged?



**No, please do not use bags** as they get tangled in recycling processing equipment and can potentially cause damage. Recyclable material should be placed loosely in your blue container, with the exception of shredded paper. Shredded paper should be placed in a clear plastic bag.

# NEW! Organics Service

EDCO will provide each commercial account with one 64-gallon organics cart for weekly collection of organic waste.

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This new closed-loop system will allow the City of El Cajon to comply with SB 1383 by reducing the methane that landfilled organics produce and instead harnessing it for use as Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). Your participation also ensures that the City avoids fines of up to \$10,000 per day for failure to meet these objectives.

Use your green organics container to separate material such as landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and organics, such as food waste, all mixed together. For a complete list of material accepted in the organics container, please refer to our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), enter your zip code, click on the Business Services tab, and under Commercial Services, click on Organics.



**Can I use plastic bags for organics, even if they are biodegradable plastic?**

**No, please do not use any kind of plastic bags** for any type of green waste, food waste or other organics, as they contaminate the Anaerobic Digester! All organic material must be placed loosely inside the organics cart for collection. Paper bags are acceptable.

# Organic Waste

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Organic waste is a renewable natural resource. It mainly comes from landscape waste and unconsumed food waste and scraps from industrial and commercial operations.

Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step to achieving California's Zero Waste goals. EDCO is constructing the first state-of-the-art, advanced technology Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility in San Diego County, capable of taking commercial organic waste and producing renewable natural gas that will serve the needs of the region.

AD is an efficient and environmentally sustainable technology that can make a significant contribution to the management of organic waste in California. Capturing and reducing the amount of methane released into the atmosphere is critical in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for ourselves and future generations.

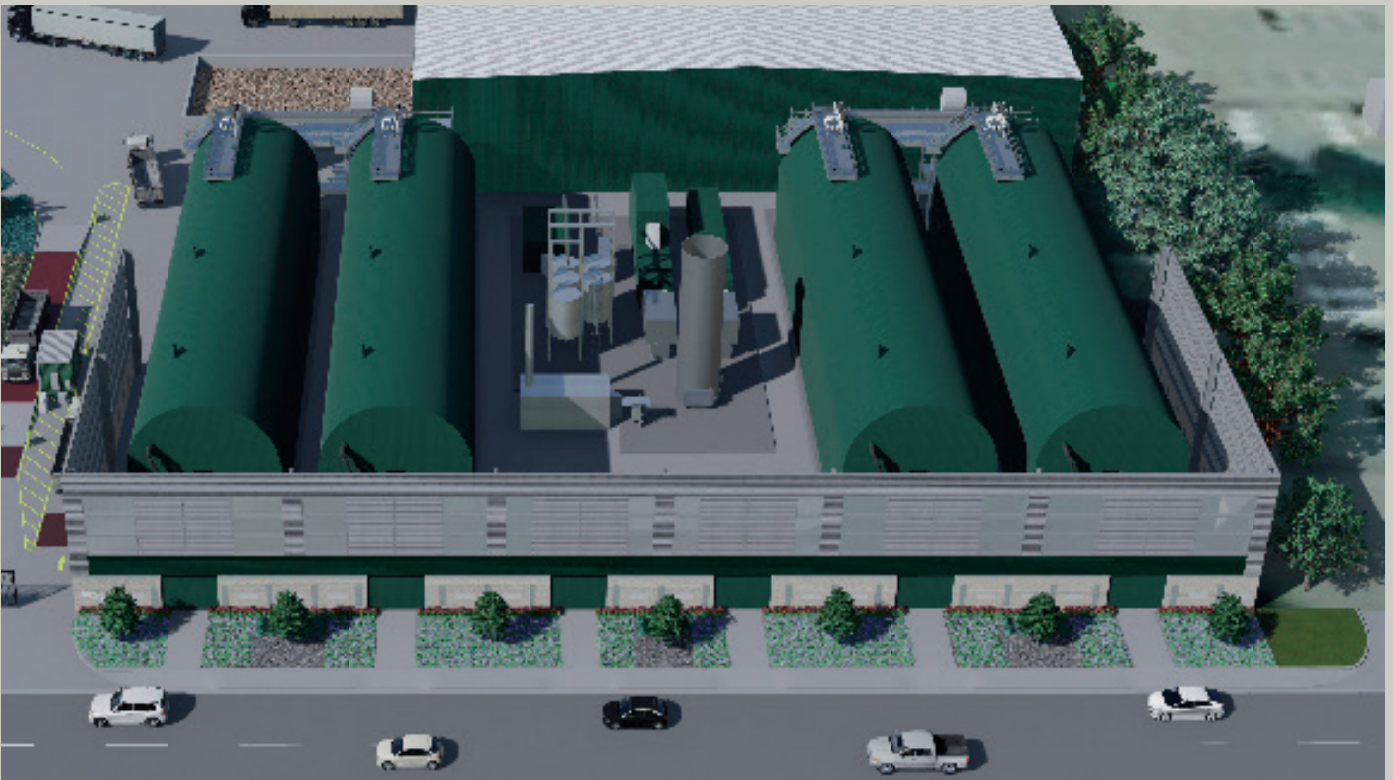
# Why Recycle Food Waste?

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Organic waste accounts for over 40% of the material in California's waste stream. Organic material cannot break down when buried in a landfill, as it would in nature or in a compost pile. Instead, it decomposes without oxygen, releasing methane gas into the atmosphere. Organic material (food scraps and yard waste) will soon be recycled when placed in green carts and then transported to EDCO's AD Facility, where it will break down and convert into renewable natural gas and fertilizer.

# EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Facility

Since 1967, family-owned and operated EDCO has had a long-standing commitment to reducing impacts on the environment through innovation. EDCO's state-of-the-art AD Facility will begin serving customers in early 2021, assisting El Cajon to be in full compliance with state mandates and keeping us *On the Road to Zero Waste*.

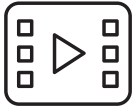


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AD is the natural process in which microorganisms break down organic materials such as food waste, green waste, fats, oils and greases. AD happens in closed spaces where there is no oxygen.

Recycling organics is easy and convenient with EDCO's commingled organics recycling program. Through EDCO's new AD Facility, EDCO has expanded source-separated green waste collection to include the recycling of food waste. This service now allows customers to place food scraps in the same container as green waste. EDCO's AD Facility will be a foundation for El Cajon to achieve State mandates which are directly related to recycling organics in California.

# EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Video



To learn more about EDCO's new AD Facility and how it will significantly impact the future of organic waste, please visit our website at [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com) and watch our informative video and live webcam located on the home page under Recycling Videos!

## California State Mandates



With mandatory recycling deadlines on the horizon, the EDCO AD facility will allow the City of El Cajon to meet compliance mandates including AB 1826 and SB 1383, which are directly related to organic recycling in the State of California.

**AB 1826** - Requires businesses that generate organic waste to arrange for recycling services for that waste, and for jurisdictions to implement a recycling program to divert organic waste from businesses subject to the law, as well as report to the State of California on their progress in implementing an organic waste recycling program.

**SB 1383** - Establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20% of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025.





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# NOTICE


Important  
Information Inside  
About EDCO,  
El Cajon's New  
Waste &  
Recycling Collector!




*Please do not hesitate to contact our office and communicate with a customer service representative. EDCO will answer any questions you may have about your new services and try to resolve any situations you may come across.*


*Remember, just call EDCO and "We'll Take Care of It!"*

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*COMING SOON! More service details, collection information, container dimensions and limits, etc. will follow in another informational mailer in December.*