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**Oakland Expands Recycling Services to Weekly Collection Citywide**

***Oakland, CA, January 31, 2005*** – Recycling is about to become easier than ever for Oakland residents. Effective today, January 31, 2005, all 1-4 unit residences throughout Oakland will receive weekly collection of yard trimmings (now including food scraps and food-soiled paper), recycling, and garbage. “The expanded services will help the City of Oakland meet its goal of 75% waste reduction by 2010,” said Oakland’s Public Works Agency Director Raul Godinez II.

Residents may now set out unlimited amounts of properly prepared yard trimmings every week, and add food scraps to their yard trimmings cart. With expanded weekly recycling service, Oakland becomes the largest city in the East Bay to recycle food scraps and yard trimmings into compost. Two-gallon plastic food scraps pails and new gray recycling carts will be delivered to Oakland’s single-family households, accompanied by a comprehensive Recycling Guide describing all services.

Bottle, can, and paper recycling will also be collected weekly citywide effective today. The gray recycling carts will be delivered to Oakland residences starting today and continuing through May, replacing the familiar yellow and blue recycling tubs. The new cart will keep the recyclables clean and dry, and can be rolled easily to the curb on collection day. Residents will no longer need to separate cans and bottles from papers, all of which can be placed into the gray cart.

Godinez stressed that residents do not need to wait for their new gray recycling carts or food pails to recycle weekly. “All Oakland residents in 1-4-unit homes can now recycle yard trimmings with food waste, and cans, bottles and paper every week” he said. Until the new cart and pail arrive, food scraps can be collected in the kitchen in milk or ice cream cartons, or any other convenient paper container, and emptied into the green yard trimmings cart.

For more information visit [www.oaklandrecycles.com](http://www.oaklandrecycles.com) or call the Public Works Recycling Hotline at (510) 238-SAVE. Also, see attached mailer regarding “Little Green” and food scraps.

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