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Food Scrap Collection Comes to South San Francisco, Millbrae and Brisbane

Food Scraps and Food Soiled Paper Now Go in the Green Cart

South San Francisco, CA—Starting this month, residents in South San Francisco, Millbrae and Brisbane can put items like fruit and vegetable peels, leftovers, napkins and pizza boxes into the green cart, along with yard trimmings. Now offering weekly green cart collection, South San Francisco Scavenger Company will convert the materials into transportation fuel and compost at their new anaerobic digestion facility.

Over the next two weeks, each household will receive a food scrap pail and detailed information about the new program, on their regular collection day.

Residents from all three communities have been eagerly anticipating the program and provided positive feedback about the food scrap collection. South San Francisco resident Linda Spencer said: "I'm thrilled about the new program. Keeping food out of the landfill is a great, progressive move that completes our city's recycling program. I love it!"

"The food scraps and food soiled paper from our residential customers will serve as feedstock for our digester that turns compostable materials into carbon negative, renewable fuel for the very trucks that collect those materials," said Doug Button, president of South San Francisco Scavenger Company and Blue Line Transfer.

To ensure that the anaerobic digestion process produces high quality fuel and compost, only food, food soiled paper and yard trimmings should go into the green cart. Contaminants such as plastics, including plastic bags and "bio bags," glass, metal or any other non-compostable materials interfere with the process and must be kept out of the green cart.

The food scrap collection allows residents to recycle a wide range of materials, including some that can't be readily composted in backyard compost bins, such as meat, bones, paper plates and milk cartons.

For more information visit www.ssfscavenger.com/foodscraps.