

YARD TRIMMINGS FACILITY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHY ARE ONLY SOME RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GREEN YARD TRIMMINGS CART?

A: Residents receive different Base Service options depending on 1) Where carts are set out for service, and 2) The accessibility of the service street (size, slope, durability, turn-around, power lines, branches, safety, etc.). A large GreenWaste vehicle must be able to readily access your containers in order for you to be eligible to receive Green Cart service.

Q: WHY CAN'T FOOD WASTE GO IN WITH THE YARD TRIMMINGS?

A: The clean Yard Trimmings collected from Portola Valley, Woodside and Los Altos Hills are processed into Z-Best's Organic Compost, which must be produced from 100 percent recycled yard trimmings. Z-Best Organic Compost is Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) Listed, so it may be used in organic farming and is also approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for use on farms, gardens and nurseries. However, the Mixed Compostables collected from the Towns is also composted, so rest assured your food waste is composted, it is just used to create a different product.

Q: WHAT IS OMRI?

A: The Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides an independent review of products that are intended for use in certified organic production and processing. When companies apply, OMRI reviews their products against the organic standards. Acceptable products are OMRI Listed® and appear on the OMRI Products Lists©.

Q: HOW CAN I GET FINISHED COMPOST?

A: Check with GreenWaste or your Town staff on upcoming compost giveaway events. Alternatively, you can purchase compost at www.zankerlandscapematerials.com.

