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Protect Our Landfill: Why Correct Yard Waste Sorting Matters This Fall

Fall yard cleanup often leads to an increase in yard waste—and a rise in cart contamination. The challenge is that once trash and food scraps mix into a large yard waste pile, they become impossible to separate. Keeping trash out of the mix ensures that everyone's hard work pays off, allowing our landfill to successfully process the entire load. Your care in sorting yard trimmings keeps our local collection program running smoothly and efficiently.

Yard Waste Cart Rules

- **Strictly Natural Materials:** Your yard waste bin is meant only for lawn trimmings, leaves, twigs, and small branches.
- **No Regular Trash:** Putting plastic, metal, pet waste, or general garbage in your yard waste cart contaminates the load.
- **No Food Scraps in the Green Bin:** Food scraps cannot go in yard waste carts in Tehama County.
- **Proper Food Disposal:** Throw your food scraps into your regular trash or use them to start your own backyard compost pile. Erosion control and moisture retention are just a couple of the benefits of compost and mulch.

Why Correct Sorting Matters

- **Reduces Greenhouse Gases:** When organic material is buried under regular trash in a landfill, it loses access to oxygen. This creates harmful methane gas. Special systems must be installed to expel this gas from within the landfill.
- **Extends Landfill Life:** Separating yard waste reduces the overall volume of materials entering the landfill, directly extending its lifespan.

If you're interested in learning more about backyard composting or how to separate your waste, visit us at www.tehamacountylandfill.com.