

The Law

Organics

Recycling

SB 1383 – Organics

Senate Bill (SB) 1383: California’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy aims to take organics out of the landfills to help reduce methane emissions. Organic materials that end up in landfills decompose, creating methane gas, a greenhouse gas emission that negatively contributes to the environment.

Organic waste includes pre- and post-consumer food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste and food-soiled paper.

As of January 1, 2022, all businesses and multi-family (5+ units) complexes are required to recycle their organic waste.


To comply, businesses and multi-family complexes must first separate their organic waste from other waste, and then subscribe to a collection program through Republic Services or provide evidence of having a third-party recycling program.

AB 341 – Recycling


State Law AB 341: Mandatory Commercial Recycling requires all business and multi-family properties with 5+ units to also recycle non-organic materials like metal cans, plastic containers, glass and clean cardboard, and paper products.

Republic Services is here to help you understand your responsibilities, and make it as easy as possible to comply with state law SB 1383 by subscribing to our Organics Collection Program.


How to sort organic waste



Step 1
Set Up Kitchen Containers
Designate indoor containers next to food prep and/or dishwashing stations



Step 2
Train Staff
Use clear plastic bags* to collect food (clear compostable bags are ok)



Step 3
Recycle Food Waste in your Organics Cart or Bin
Place bagged* food waste in outdoor containers

Container options



2-YARD DUMPSTER
► Dimensions: 6' L x 3'1" W x 3'3" H
► Capacity: twelve 13-gallon trash bags





64-GALLON CART
► Dimensions: 3'5"H x 2'L x 2'4"D
► Capacity: five 13-gallon trash bags

Multi-family properties may have the option to combine food waste and yard waste. For more information, please discuss your unique needs with a recycling coordinator by emailing OCRecycles@RepublicServices.com.



**Multi-family properties combining food waste and yard waste may NOT use bags for food waste collection.*

Acceptable items


FRUITS AND VEGETABLES




COOKED MEAT AND BONES



FOOD-SOILED PAPER



CHEESE, GRAINS AND PASTA



Unacceptable items

YARD WASTE



RECYCLABLES



HAZARDOUS WASTE



SINGLE-USE PLASTICS



FATS, OILS AND GREASE



TRASH AND PET WASTE



When possible, ensure all items are empty, clean and dry.



Current recycling containers are green, but new replacement containers will be blue with blue lid.

PAPER & CARDBOARD



METAL CANS



PLASTIC & GLASS



Trash



Current trash containers are blue. In the future, replacement trash containers will reflect the state-defined color scheme of black or gray.

SMALL FURNITURE



CARPET



STYROFOAM*



NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS



GARDEN HOSES



DISHES AND MIRRORS

