

# Composting & Recycling Law for California Residents and Businesses

Properly sorting your food scraps and other compostable materials not only helps fight climate change, it's now the law. Effective January 2022, State law (SB 1383) requires residents and businesses to keep organic and recyclable materials out of California's landfills.

When organics like food scraps, plant trimmings, and paper break down in a landfill they produce methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. By composting and recycling these materials, you're helping reduce methane emissions and create a healthier planet.

**Fortunately, properly recycling and composting is easy. Here's how:**



## Blue Bin:

- Paper and cardboard
- Hard plastics Empty bottles, cans, and jars **NO plastic bags**



## Green Bin:

- All food scraps including bones, meat, cheese, peels and coffee grounds
- Food soiled paper like paper towels, napkins, and greasy uncoated paper
- plates Plant trimmings like leaves, grass, branches, and weeds



In San Luis Obispo County, organics are collected in green bins then sent to composting facilities. Your waste hauler that provides collection service for garbage, recyclables, and organics is:

## WM

(805) 466-3636

## WM -Templeton

(805) 434-9112



**Self Haul:** Self haulers of organic waste must separate organic material from garbage and recycle it. Contact the IWMA for more information about self-hauling in San Luis Obispo County.

**Prevent food waste:** When we waste food, we waste all the energy, water and resources that went into producing that food and getting it into our kitchens. If we plan our meals a little better, store food properly, and eat what we have, we can save food and money - and have less to compost at the end of the day.

**Donate:** Do you have large quantities of unwanted edible food? Visit [www.iwma.com/sb-1383](http://www.iwma.com/sb-1383) for a list of food recovery organizations.



For additional information, please visit: [www.IWMA.com](http://www.IWMA.com) or call 805-782-8530.