

State Law SB 1383 Mandates Organic Waste Recycling Three-Cart Service Residents

Dear Valued Resident,

This letter is to provide you with advanced notice of changes to your service containers. Due to changes in California recycling laws, the City of Irvine, along with every jurisdiction in the State of California, is required to implement an organic waste recycling program. Starting April 2023, all Irvine residents will be required to separate their food waste from the trash and place it in the green container along with green waste for composting.

Due to these recent changes, the basic three-cart service cost of \$17.87 will be reflected on the April 1st invoice. Please keep in mind this does not include pricing for additional containers or if you have a discount on your account. If you have any questions regarding the specifics of your bill, please contact WM at (949) 642-1191.

Organic materials include:

- Food scraps: Meat, bones, dairy, fruit, and vegetable scraps.
- Food-soiled paper such as napkins, paper towels, uncoated cardboard, and paper bags.
- Green waste which includes yard clippings, small branches, grass trimmings, leaves.

Residents are not required to compost at home, though they may continue to do so voluntarily. Please keep in mind, a home composting program will not exempt you from participating in the established organic waste collection service to all residents. Per the State of California, there are no waivers or exemptions for single family residential dwellings. More information can be found at home.wm.com/irvine.

What can you do?

Food waste can be separated from the trash by having a separate container or food scraps pail inside your kitchen. In order to assist you with separating your in-home food waste, WM will deliver a kitchen food pail in 2023. Alternatively, food can be stored in the fridge or freezer and emptied directly into your curbside green container on collection day. These bags are not accepted by the composting facility and are considered contamination.

At this time, no plastic, compostable, or biodegradable collection bags are allowed in the green container. We kindly ask that if you do use such bags; please discard them into the trash container.



*Green Waste carts will transition to **Organics** carts (co-collected green waste and food waste) beginning sometime in 2023.*

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To help you better understand the new organic waste mandate, we have included the following with this letter:

1. A "Frequently Asked Questions" about the City of Irvine's SB 1383 Three-Cart Residential Organics Recycling Program.
2. City of Irvine Organic Waste Recycling Educational Flyer.
3. Residential Service Guide.

To learn more about home waste service for the new organics program, scan the QR code:



We would like to thank you in advance for your readiness to comply with this State mandate.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact WM via phone (949) 642-1191, email cslosangeles@wm.com or you can speak to a live agent through home.wm.com/irvine.

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