

# SB 1383: Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection



## Mandatory Organics Recycling Collection SB 1383

Effective January 1, 2022, per State law SB 1383, all California businesses, multifamily complexes and residences are required to separate organics waste from trash and to subscribe to an organics collection program. Organics consists of food waste, compostable food-soiled paper, and green or yard waste. This new regulation builds on previous legislation AB 341 and AB 1826, and those bills' mandatory organic and recycling collection requirements are contained within SB 1383. SB 1383 was passed by the state of California to divert more food waste and yard trimmings from our landfills to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change.

### What do I need to do?

For residential customers, effective April 1, 2023, your existing green waste bin will now be used as an organic waste cart where you can recycle food waste. Please refer to the other side of this flier, where you will find what you can and can't place in your organics (green waste) and recycling carts. Everything else goes into the trash cart.

### Will my cart be changed?

SB 1383 requires waste carts to have a uniform color across the state. These new carts will have dark gray bodies with a black lid for trash, a blue lid for recycling, and a green lid for organics.

We will make these changes gradually to minimize disruption and control costs in your community. Your current cart will be replaced with a compliant cart when it is broken and/or in need of repair.



## SB 1383 cart monitoring and enforcement

SB 1383 also requires that carts be monitored for contamination and that an education enforcement program be in place to help residents reduce contamination in the recycling and organic collection carts.

Keeping organics waste streams clean will help ensure that the organic material can be processed and composted.

### What is contamination?

Contamination happens when you place the wrong item or material in the wrong cart. Contaminants can damage processing equipment, harm employees, and turn other recyclables and organics into trash.

Only place accepted materials in your recycling and organics carts so they can be made into new products.



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# Organics | Recycling | Trash

## Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

Place Organics, Recycling and Trash containers together with proper signage so everyone places the right materials in the right container.

### What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Food Soiled Paper,  
Paper Towels, Napkins,  
Coffee Filters



Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Grains, Coffee Grounds



#### Do Not Include:

Serveware/Utensils, Plastic Containers, Foam Containers, Hazardous Waste, Fats, Oils, or Greases, Diapers or Pet Waste

### What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles &  
Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles &  
Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard  
& Paperboard



#### Do Not Include:

Food or Liquids, Plastic Bags or Film, Foam Containers, Clothing, Furniture or Carpet, Batteries, Electronics, Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste

Place recyclables directly into your recycling container.

**Don't bag your recyclables.**

### What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups &  
Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic  
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &  
Food Wrappers



#### Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables, Electronics, Batteries, Tires or Paint, Flammable Material, Needles



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



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