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RE: Senate Bill 1383 – State Mandated Organics and Recycling Roll Out

Dear Business Owner/Property Manager,

The Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act: Organic Waste Reductions regulation under California State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) became effective on January 1, 2022. This regulation requires all waste generators to separate and divert their organic waste (food scraps and yard waste) and recyclables (bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard) from their waste stream by participating in their jurisdiction's organic waste and recycling collection programs.

Minimum Service Level

The City of Tehachapi and WM are here to help your business/property comply. As part of the expanded scope of services to be provided in the City of Tehachapi, a base level of organics and recycling service is now included as part of your solid waste services. Beginning June 17th, 2024, one 64-gallon organics cart (serviced weekly) and one 96-gallon recycling cart (serviced every other week) will be delivered to you. If you have already received the organics cart, you will only receive the recycling cart. If you need additional carts for your organics and/or a larger container for your recyclables, please contact your WM Recycling Manager, Frank Vasquez at (661) 569-7626 or email at fvasque1@wm.com.

Commercial Generator Waiver Program

State regulations allow the City of Tehachapi to grant recycling and/or organics participation waivers to qualifying businesses/properties. However, only those who have completed a waiver application and received approval from the City of Tehachapi can avoid mandatory participation. If a waiver is not approved by the City of Tehachapi, you will still be required to participate in the organic waste and recycling collection programs. There are three (3) types of waiver requests available:

1. Alternative Service Waiver

The Alternative Service Waiver allows businesses or multifamily properties in the City of Tehachapi that already have organics recycling and/or recycling services provided by a third-party recycler or contractor, or engage in self-haul, back-haul, or onsite composting, to qualify for an exemption from the state's mandatory organics recycling service requirements. Third-party recyclers must maintain disposal and recycling records to demonstrate compliance with state laws regarding organic waste and recyclables diversion. Applicants seeking this waiver must also agree to periodically submit information to the City of Tehachapi to verify their ongoing compliance with these requirements.

2. De Minimis Waiver (organics only)

Businesses or multifamily properties that generate little to no organic waste may qualify for a De Minimis Waiver if either of the following conditions are met:

- The applicant's total solid waste generation is two (2) cubic yards or more per week with organic waste generation of less than twenty (20) gallons per week or,
- The applicant's total solid waste generation is less than two (2) cubic yards per week with organic waste generation of less than ten (10) gallons per week.

3. Space Constraint Waiver

Businesses or multifamily properties that lack the physical space for an additional container for organics and/or recycling may qualify for a Space Constraint Waiver. The applicant must be able to demonstrate that the space constraint(s) cannot be resolved by changing container sizes, locations, and/or pickup frequencies.

If you believe your business/property may qualify for any of these waivers, please contact the City of Tehachapi Assistant City Manager, Corey Costelloe at (661) 822-8220 ext 121 or email at ccostelloe@tehachapicityhall.com. Completed waiver applications can be mailed or dropped off in person at the Tehachapi City Hall or emailed to Corey Costelloe. The City of Tehachapi will review applications based on the criteria as required by CalRecycle to determine whether a waiver will be granted – this process may include site visits to confirm that the requirements are met.

Next Steps

To ensure the proper level of service is provided for your property, please email your WM Recycling Manager, Frank Vasquez at fvasque1@wm.com. **If no response is received to begin mandatory service by June 1st, 2024, WM will automatically rollout the mandatory services at the minimum level required by California State Law and Tehachapi Municipal Code.**

For additional information regarding CA Senate Bill 1383, visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>.

Sincerely,

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