

Attention Property Managers:

New California Mandate (SB 1383) Requires Apartments, Condos and Townhouses to Compost

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) is a law enacted by the State of California to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. The law seeks to achieve a 75% reduction in the statewide disposal of organic waste.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY?

Due to State Law, all generators are now required to place food scraps, food/beverage soiled paper products, and yard trimmings in the green compost container or self-haul all compostable material to a composting facility or program. **Jurisdictions have the authority to assess a fine for non-compliance.**

Food Scraps, Meat, Bones, Dairy



Food/Beverage Soiled Paper Products



Yard Trimmings, Holiday Trees, Clean Untreated Wood Scraps



For more information about the new law, visit RethinkWaste.org/SB1383

Why Compost?

FIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE

Composting food scraps and soiled paper products diverts those materials from the landfill, where otherwise they would decompose and produce methane – one of the most potent greenhouse gases in Earth’s atmosphere. When placing compostable material in the compost container, you are avoiding methane emissions and giving organics a valuable second life as compost, which helps to fight climate change.

IT’S THE LAW

SB 1383 requires all generators to actively participate in a compost program, placing food scraps and food/beverage soiled paper products into the green compost container for collection and processing.



In San Mateo County, **about 71%** of materials in the landfill are compostable material.

OTHER SERVICE INFORMATION

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Two FREE Bulky Item Collections (BIC) are provided per calendar year to multi-family complexes (**not per individual unit**) from **Feb. 1 through Dec. 31**.

BICs **must be scheduled by the Property Manager**, who will coordinate with Recology to schedule collection dates.

BIC PROGRAM MATERIALS:

- **Accepted Items:** household waste, mattresses, furniture, electronic waste, and non-commercial sized appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, and dryers.
- PLEASE NOTE: Electronic Waste and appliances need to be kept separate from regular household waste.*

- **Unaccepted Items:** hazardous waste, dirt, rock, and concrete.

ADDITIONAL FREE PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY TREES:

- Property Managers need to schedule tree collections with Recology on behalf of the entire complex.
- Holiday trees can be collected in centrally located areas, on-site compost containers, or in a debris box for no additional charge between Jan. 2 and Jan. 31.

MOVING OUT? WE CAN HELP!

If you are moving out and cannot wait for the standard Bulky Item Collection at your complex, below are some options:

- **Donate** items in good condition that you no longer need. Visit RethinkWaste.org/ReduceWaste to learn more.
- **Drop off** materials at the Shoreway Transfer Station or Public Recycling Center (read more below).
- **Individual bulky item pick-up can be scheduled for a fee.** Contact Recology at (650) 595-3900 for pricing and to schedule the pick-up.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Collection services do not occur on **Christmas Day and New Year's Day**. Alternate collection days will occur for customers affected by these two holidays. **Recology provides regular collection services on ALL other holidays.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Recology provides **FREE Shred** (Document Destruction) and **Compost Giveaway** events at participating Member Agencies each year. Some Member Agencies also provide **FREE Electronics Recycling Events**. Visit RethinkWaste.org/CommunityEvents for a list of events.

SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFERS A FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as cleaners, pesticides, and propane tanks cannot be disposed of in any of your three carts or bins. San Mateo County's HHW Program helps residents responsibly dispose of their HHW for free. **Residents must schedule an appointment at smhealth.org/hhw or by calling (650) 363-4718.**



USED HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES:

Batteries and cell phones don't belong in any container!

- Recology has a Battery and Cell Phone Collection program for apartments and condos. Collection buckets can be placed in a common area such as a lobby, multi-use room, mail room, or clubhouse.
- Place used and unwanted batteries and cell phones in a clear, sealed zip-top bag before placing into the orange bucket.
- If your complex does not have an orange collection bucket, please contact your Property Manager to request a free bucket from Recology.

