

COMMERCIAL

In September 2016, former Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) establishing a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The law specifically sets the following targets:

- › Reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020 and by 75% by January 1, 2025 (based on 2014 disposal levels).
- › Recover and redistribute at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.

CalRecycle, the state agency responsible for creating the regulatory standards for SB 1383, has established the following key dates:

- › **Effective January 1st, 2022:** CalRecycle’s regulations to meet statewide organics reduction and food recovery requirements take effect.
- › **Effective January 1st, 2024:** Regulations may require local jurisdictions to impose penalties for non-compliance on regulated businesses.



WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE FOR A BUSINESS?

Many businesses produce organic waste without realizing it. Organic waste includes:

✓ FOOD

- › Fruit and vegetable scraps
- › Bread, rice, pasta and grains
- › Egg shells
- › Meat, poultry, fish, and shell fish
- › Coffee grounds and tea leaves
- › Bones



✓ GREEN WASTE

- › Landscaping waste (grass clippings, leaves, branches, etc)
- › Flowers, plants, and weeds



✓ PAPER AND WOOD PRODUCTS

- › Paper bags
- › Coffee filters and tea bags
- › Food-soiled tissue, napkins, and paper towels
- › Non-coated paper plates
- › Paper cups that contain no plastic or coating
- › Wooden chopsticks and coffee stir sticks
- › Pizza boxes



WHY ORGANIC WASTE?

When organic waste, such as food, green waste, and paper products decompose in a landfill, they produce methane gas – a potent greenhouse gas pollutant. The intent of the organic waste diversion goal is to reduce the emission of methane gas to combat global climate change.

WHAT DO BUSINESSES NEED TO DO?

SB 1383 applies to all businesses in California. If you own a business or apartment/condo complex (of five units or more), beginning January 1, 2022 you are required to:

❑ **Divert organic waste** from the landfill by

- › Subscribing to and participating in the organics collection service via Recology Vacaville Solano, *or*
- › Arrange for organic waste to be composted or otherwise legally managed on-site.

❑ **Provide collection containers** for organic waste and recyclable materials to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers

- › Collection service must be arranged so that access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with correct labels is available.
- › Provide indoor containers for organic waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except in restrooms (multi-family dwellings are exempt).

❑ **Containers must meet standardized color requirements:** Gray or black for garbage, blue for recycling, and green for organics. Additionally, containers must have labels with graphic images to indicate acceptable and unacceptable materials. The City of Vacaville and Recology Vacaville Solano may be able to provide these labels at no additional cost.

❑ **Annually provide employees and apartment/condo residents with educational information** about the legal requirements to compost and recycle including how to properly sort between the three waste streams.

WHAT IF MY BUSINESS DOESN'T PRODUCE ORGANIC WASTE?

Some businesses may be granted a waiver for exemption from some or all requirements of SB 1383 if they can provide documentation and evidence to support a De Minimus Waiver:

- › Total solid waste collection (cumulative total of all waste streams) is **more than two cubic yards per week** and organic waste is less than 20 gallons per week.
- › Total solid waste collection (cumulative total of all waste streams) is **less than two cubic yards per week** and organic waste is less than 10 gallons per week.

Contact the City of Vacaville Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507 or recycling@cityofvacaville.com if you believe your business may qualify.



RESOURCES

To learn more about SB 1383 visit www.VacavilleRecycling.com/sb-1383 or contact us at

› Recology Vacaville Solano
(707) 448-2945
www.recology.com

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