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COMMERCIAL

## REMINDER: CHANGE IS HERE!

### Here's what you need to know about SB 1383 - Organic Waste Reduction Bill:

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 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.

### 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 emissions 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), as of 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, including providing 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.

 To learn more, visit [www.vacavillerecycling.com](http://www.vacavillerecycling.com)





# BIG BENEFITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

## COMPLIMENTARY WASTE ASSESSMENTS

### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A WASTE ASSESSMENT:

The specific elements of your waste assessment will depend on the type of business or residential property you have. A typical waste assessment will include:

- ✓ A site visit to discuss sustainability goals and identify potential space requirements or restraints;
- ✓ An audit of your waste stream to suggest bin sizing and reduce costs;
- ✓ Customized service options and equipment recommendations; and
- ✓ Educational materials and training – all at no additional cost.

### WHAT IS A WASTE ASSESSMENT?

A waste assessment is a simple assessment of the type and quantities of waste that a business generates. It can help you determine which materials can be recycled, how many collection containers will be necessary, and how frequently they should be serviced.

### WHY DO A WASTE ASSESSMENT?

Not all businesses are the same. The amount of waste and recyclables produced is impacted by variables that differ from one business to the next. You need to examine your own waste stream before adopting new recycling programs to assure a good fit with your business. Most importantly, a waste assessment can help identify opportunities to save money on your service bill by right-sizing your service.

### REQUESTING A WASTE ASSESSMENT:

Representatives from Recology Vacaville Solano and the City of Vacaville are available to help you. To schedule a **FREE** waste assessment, simply call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945, or the City of Vacaville's Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507.



## CUSTOMER ACCESS TO RECYCLING

As required by Assembly Bill 827 and Senate Bill 1383, commercial businesses must provide labeled recycling bins and organic waste recycling bins to collect materials in all customer areas.

Bin labels and sorting posters are available to commercial customers. To request your posters and sorting labels, contact the City of Vacaville Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507 or email [recycling@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:recycling@cityofvacaville.com).

Posters are available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog.

