

ORGANICS RECYCLING

**A Guide to the State of California's New Organics
Recycling Program and More about
Your Trash Service Provider**



**SB 1383:
California's Organics
Recycling Law**

April 2022



Senate Bill (SB) 1383

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)'s

About SB 1383:

In September 2016, Governor Edmund Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The target must: (1) reduce organic waste disposal 75% by 2024, and (2) rescue food for people to eat at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEGATIVELY IMPACTS CALIFORNIA

Landfilled Organic Waste Emits **Methane Gas—**
A Super Pollutant
More Powerful than CO₂

Methane Gas Contributes to Climate Change in California

CALIFORNIA
is already experiencing the impacts of **CLIMATE CHANGE**

IN 2015 THE DROUGHT COST THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY AN ESTIMATED \$2.7 BILLION & 20,000 JOBS

Icons on map: RISING SEA LEVELS, REDUCED SNOWPACK, WILDFIRES, DROUGHT, HEAT WAVES

Do the regulations require single-family residences and multifamily complexes to subscribe to organics collection and recycle both green waste and food waste beginning January 1, 2022?

Yes, the regulations require jurisdictions to provide organic waste collection services to all single-family and multi-family residences of all sizes and businesses that generate organic waste.

Can residents provide their own containers for organic waste collection?

Jurisdictions or its designee (like a hauler) must provide containers to the generator. Containers provided by the residents themselves would not comply with the regulations - providing a container is an inextricable part of providing collection service. Requirements for local jurisdictions to collect and recover organic waste from their residential and commercial generators are critical for the state's efforts to keep organic waste out of the landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

MORE ABOUT SB 1383

What is the definition of a "container"?

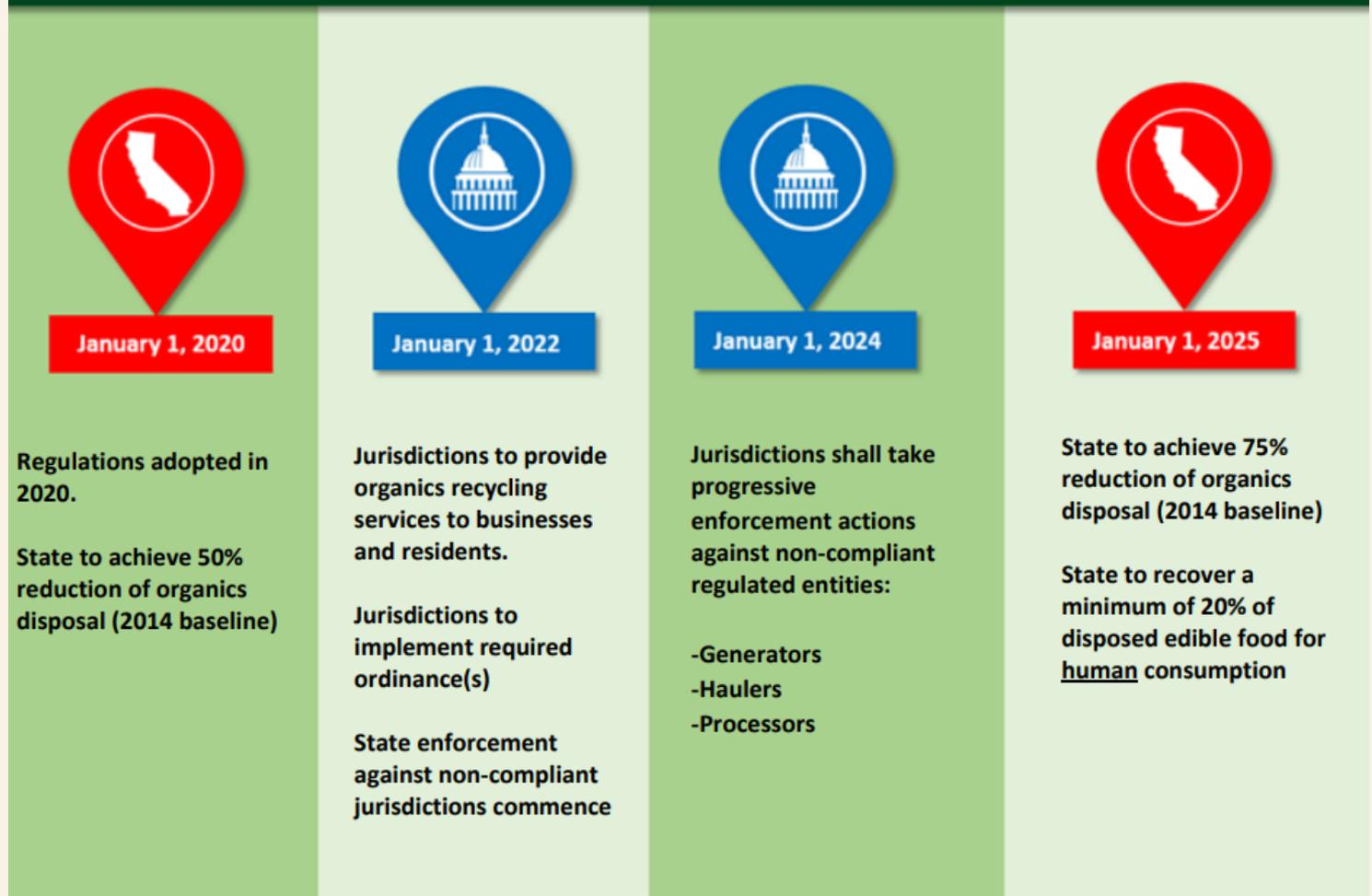
There is no regulatory definition of a "container". However, CalRecycle's intent was to describe bins, carts, and related objects used to collect waste or recyclable materials.

Who is the responsible entity for implementing, enforcing, and reporting for SB 1383?

The individual city, county, or special district which provides solid waste collection services are ultimately the responsible for all compliance measures, and are also expected to provide enforcement action across the jurisdiction.

What are the target dates for SB 1383 set by the State of California?

SB 1383 Timeline



MORE ABOUT SB 1383

What if I have space constraint challenges for an additional bin at my property?

Certain businesses and multi-family complexes of five units or more may qualify for waivers from these mandatory programs however, only those who requested and received a waiver from the City are exempt from mandatory participation. If a waiver is not approved by the City, your business or property will be required to participate in the mandated services.

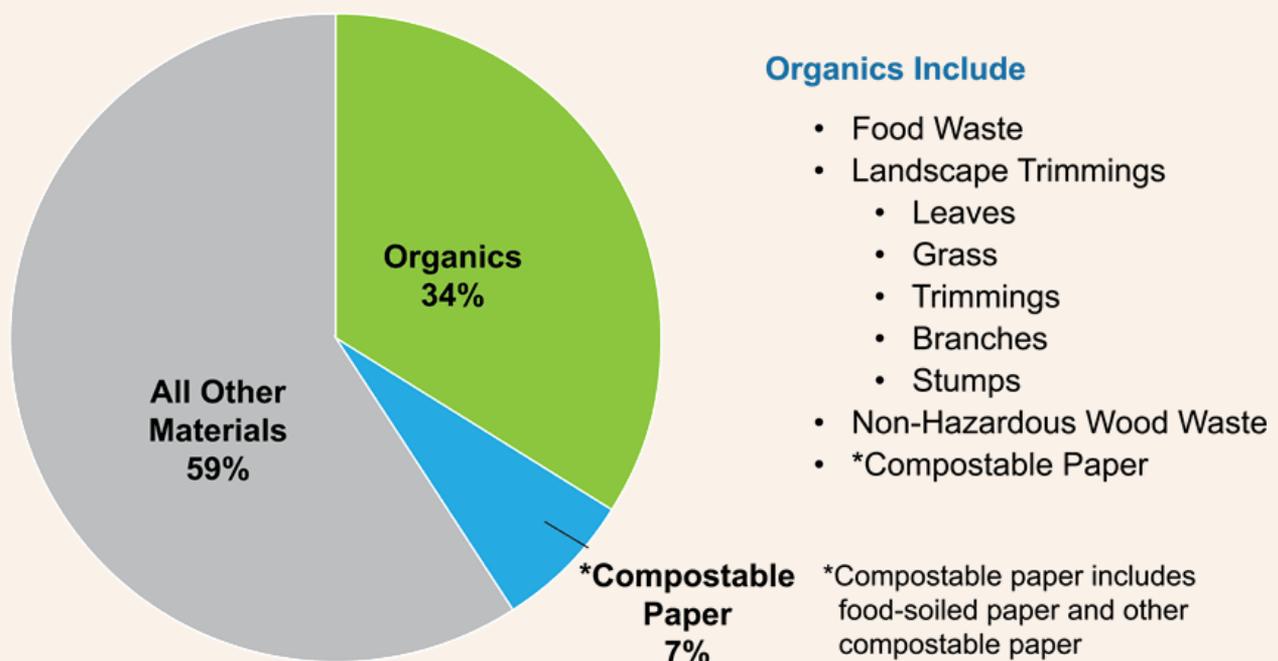
To submit an application for a waiver, please visit www.cityoflosalamitos.org where you can download and submit a completed application to the Development Services Department for review.

What is considered organic waste?

Organic waste is any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal. Biodegradable waste is an organic material that can be broken into carbon dioxide, methane or simple organic molecules. Examples of organic waste includes green waste, food waste, food-soiled paper, non-hazardous wood waste, and landscape pruning waste.

Organics in California's Overall Disposed Waste Stream 2014

Data from CalRecycle's 2014 Waste Characterization Report



MORE ABOUT SB 1383

What does SB 1383 state about food recovery?

Almost 1 in 4 Californians do not have enough to eat. SB 1383 requires certain food businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose, to food recovery organizations.

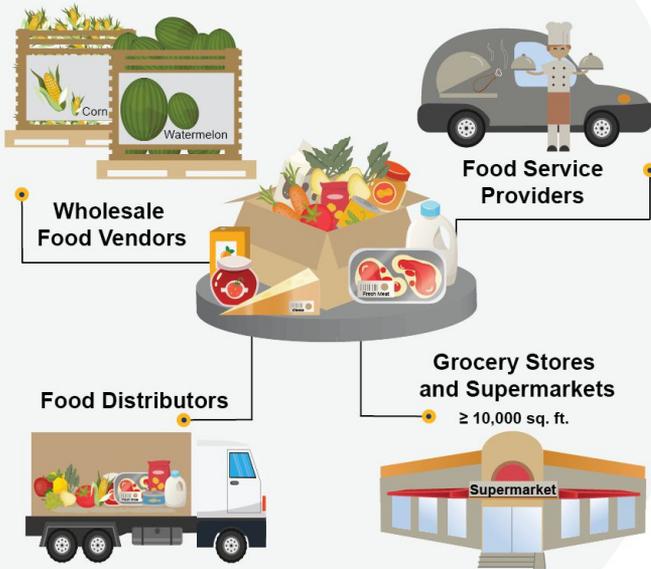
The law phases food donors in under two tiers. The first tier is required to donate starting in 2022. The second tier is required to donate starting in 2024. Mandated food donors can help their communities now by starting to work with local food banks, food pantries, and other food recovery organizations and services.

What Tier Are You In?

Tier 1

January 1, 2022

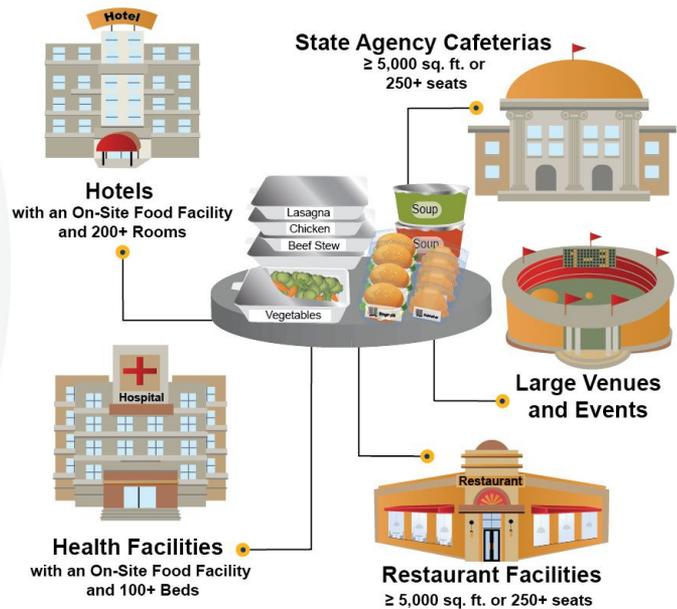
Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



Tier 2

January 1, 2024

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).



Are there any local food recovery organizations I can contact as business that falls within these tiers?

Yes, Food Finders is a local organization that can help your business meet the mandates outlined by SB 1383. To contact Food Finders, please contact Chris Wong at (562) 283-1400 extension 105 or via email at cwong@foodfinders.org.



GREEN WASTE CONTAINER

DO'S AND DONT'S



GREEN WASTE BASURA ORGÁNICA



- branches
- brush
- flower cuttings
- flowers
- garden trimmings
- grass
- hay
- house plants
- lawn clippings
- leaves
- pruning
- shrubbery
- straws
- tree twigs (less than 4' long and 4" in diameter)
- weeds
- wood chips
- yard waste (no rocks or dirt)



WHAT NOT TO PLACE IN THE GREEN WASTE CONTAINER



Prohibited items cannot break down, and can cause a safety hazard for collection crews.

- aluminum
- animal carcasses/feces
- cigarette butts & ashes
- clothing
- diapers
- dirt
- glass
- hazardous waste
- kitty litter
- landscape timbers
- plastic bags
- plastic containers
- plastic straws
- rocks
- soil
- styrofoam
- trash
- tree stumps
- treated lumber
- wine corks



GRAY WASTE CONTAINER

DO'S AND DONT'S



MIXED SOLID WASTE AND ORGANICS

RESIDUOS SÓLIDOS Y ORGÁNICOS MEZCLADOS



- bamboo
- bagged pet waste and litter
- broken glass
- broken dishes
- cactus
- cardboard: wax and plastic-coated
- ceramic
- cereal liners
- chip bags
- dirty or soiled paper
- disposable diapers
- egg cartons: styrofoam
- empty motor oil and antifreeze containers
- food & vegetable waste
- frozen food boxes
- garden hoses
- juice cartons and boxes
- milk cartons
- mirrors
- plastic bags
- tissue paper (kleenex, etc.)
- toys (plastic)
- take-out containers



WHAT NOT TO PLACE IN THE GRAY WASTE CONTAINER

- lightbulbs
- batteries
- paint and solvents
- clothing
- electronics
- syringes
- chemicals
- televisions, computers & monitors
- microwaves
- unused or expired prescription drugs



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BLUE WASTE CONTAINER

DO'S AND DONT'S



RECYCLABLES ONLY
SOLO RECYCLABLES



- aluminum trays, plates
- brown paper bags
- cans (metal food and drink)
- catalogs
- cereal boxes (without liners)
- cigarette packages
- computer paper
- laundry detergent boxes
- envelopes
- egg cartons: paper
- gift wrap (non-metallic)
- glass bottles
- jars with lids
- junk mail
- magazines, newspaper and flyers
- empty paint cans
- paper towel tubes
- clean pizza boxes
- plastic containers
- empty prescription bottles
- shoe boxes



WHAT NOT TO PLACE IN THE BLUE WASTE CONTAINER

- lightbulbs
- batteries
- electronics
- food waste
- fruit/vegetable scraps
- liquids
- plants
- leaves
- dirt
- clothes hangers
- aerosol cans
- mirrors



MORE ABOUT RECYCLING

Recycling is the third and most recognizable of the "Three Rs" -- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. By recycling and buying recycled-content products, every Californian can make a vital contribution to preserving the environment. Recycling preserves natural resources - reducing, reusing, and recycling cuts down on the amount of raw material needed to create new products, lessening the overall impact on natural resources.

Keep your recycling clean!

Containers with liquid or food can spoil everyone's recycling in a collection truck.
Gunk on plastic makes it less likely to get recycled.



1. Empty
Shake or wipe liquid or food out of containers.
(No need to rinse them.)

2. Dry
Let them dry right side up in your recycling bin.

COMING SOON



Service changes for commercial accounts (including multifamily with 5 units or more)

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Commencing in April 2022, city staff and the UWS team will be working with commercial account customers, to right-size your service need for recycling services.



SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LOS AL RESIDENTS

By way of the City's contract with UWS, the following services are available to residents within Los Alamitos:

- two (2) free bulky item collections (up to 4 items per collection) per household, per year -- service is also available to multifamily households
- quarterly household hazardous waste (hhw) collection service
- 35-65-95 gallon bin sizes to serve needs, with discounted pricing for senior citizens
- roll-off and bin services for construction, deconstruction, and temporary/clean-up work (at an additional cost)
- free holiday tree collection
- at an additional cost, additional carts and sizes are available upon request



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)'s

What are the hours of operation?

Hours of operation limited to: 7am to 5pm with no Sunday collection

What are the observed holidays?

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

How do I schedule a bulky item collection or a household hazardous waste collection?

Contact the UWS customer service team at (800) 631-7016

How can I request additional bins?

Contact the UWS customer service team at (800) 631-7016

When are holiday trees collection?

Holiday trees are collected for annually for a period three weeks following Christmas Day

At what time should my bins be placed at the curb?

Carts should be set out for service by 6am on your collection day

Can waste that goes into the gray cart be placed in plastic bags?

yes, trash and organic waste can be placed inside a trash bag

If I am senior citizen, who do I contact to establish a senior citizen rate?

Contact the UWS customer service team at (800) 631-7016



SERVICES AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS

By way of the City's contract with UWS, the following services are available to commercial accounts within Los Alamitos:

- annual steam cleaning of disposal enclosures for all customers receiving organic waste recycling services
- 35-96 gallon and 2-3-4 yard bins available to suit servicing needs (sizes vary by collection type)
- roll-off and bin services for construction, deconstruction, and temporary/clean-up work (at an additional cost)
- at an additional cost, additional carts and sizes are available upon request

IS YOUR RECYCLING IN A SEPERATE BIN?



As required by the State of California via SB 1383, all Californians are now required to sort separate food waste from recyclables and green waste. In efforts of meeting this mandate, city staff alongside the UWS team will be conducting outreach to all commercial account customers starting in April 2022.

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What is considered a commercial account?

Any multi-family property with five units or more and businesses

How can I request a cleaning of my organic waste bin?

Contact the UWS customer service team at (800) 631-7016

What if I need additional services and/or bins?

Contact the UWS customer service team at (800) 631-7016



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