

WHAT IS SENATE BILL 1383?

RESIDENTIAL



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

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 CHANGES SHOULD RESIDENTS EXPECT?

- **Mandatory Recycling** – SB 1383 requires all residents subscribe to and participate in the City's recycling and organics curbside collection service. For the majority of Fairfield residents, organics and recycling services have been in place for several years, though some may not be utilizing it to its full potential. Residents are now required by law sort out their recyclables and organic waste from the trash.
- **Cart Colors and Labels** – Republic Services provides trash, recycling, and organics carts to all residents for their weekly waste collection. SB 1383 requires that those carts meet specific requirements:
 - **Cart Colors:** Garbage carts must be gray or black, recycling carts must be blue, and organics carts must be green. Fortunately, all carts within the City of Fairfield are already compliant with this requirement.
 - **Cart Labels:** Carts must be clearly labeled to show which materials are allowed and prohibited in the container. As old carts are replaced or carts are deployed to new customers, residents will begin to notice color coded labels on their carts. If a resident would like to request labels for their carts, please contact the City of Fairfield Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 428-7528, or email cbeavers@fairfield.ca.gov
- **Complimentary Kitchen Pails** – For added convenience, Republic Services will be distributing free kitchen pails to all single-family residential customers. Kitchen pails provide easy collection and disposal of kitchen scraps into the organics cart. Residents can expect to receive their free kitchen pail in summer 2022.

WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED?

FOOD WASTE

- All prepared, cooked & spoiled foods
- Bread
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Dairy products/cheese
- Eggshells and eggs
- Fruits & vegetables (pits & shells too)
- Meat & bones
- Rice, beans, grains & pasta
- Tea Bags & loose tea
- Seafood, including shellfish



YARD WASTE

- Branches stems and other plant debris not to exceed 18 inches
- Flowers & floral trimmings
- Holiday greenery not to exceed 18 inches
- Leaves & grass
- Natural cork
- Sawdust, chopsticks, toothpicks



FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Greasy pizza boxes & paper bags
- Napkins & kitchen paper towels
- Paper take-out boxes & containers
- Waxed paper & butcher paper
- Kitchen soiled paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper cups & plates



WAYS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

- Shop your fridge before you go to the grocery store
- Find out what is in your refrigerator and pantry to determine if you have anything that needs to be used before it spoils
- Plan your meals and make a list of items that you need
- Monitor your food leftovers and determine if you can prepare less
- If you have a lot of leftovers, consider freezing some to extend their life
- Store your food in clear containers so you can see what you have
- Arrange items in your refrigerator and pantry from oldest to newest, so you can use food that is about to spoil first



WAYS TO KEEP YOUR ORGANICS CART CLEAN

- Wrap your food waste in newspaper or place it inside a paper bag
- Place used paper towels and napkins with your food waste. This will help reduce moisture and odors.
- Keep your food scraps in the freezer and place them in the green waste cart before your collection day.
- You can use compostable bags, but they must meet Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) standards and show the BPI symbol. You can find these bags in local stores.



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