

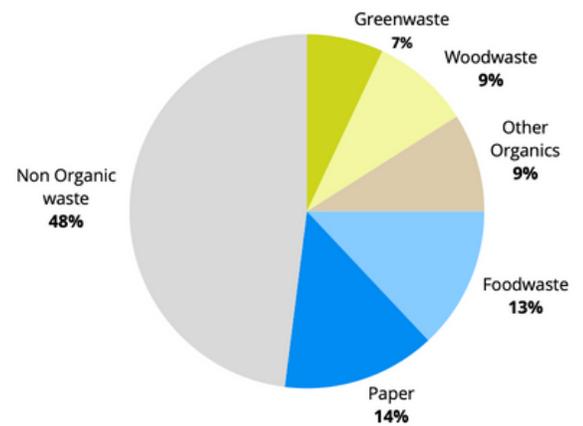
# SB 1383 Compliance Guide for Businesses

## Understanding the Legislation

Organic waste (meaning materials such as food, yard waste, food-soiled paper, and natural fibers) makes up over half of California's waste stream. When landfilled, it generates methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change and public health concerns. In a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, particularly from organic waste, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires organic waste diversion and sets parameters for edible food recovery.

SB 1383 lays out a comprehensive program for food waste prevention, edible food recovery, and organic waste diversion from landfills in the State. Simply put, SB 1383 requires that businesses implement programs to ensure organic materials are no longer put in the trash, with edible food instead being donated and the rest sorted for organic waste recycling.

## California's Waste Stream



Source: CalRecycle

## Why is SB 1383 Important?



- **Valuing Critical Resources** - Landfilling organic waste forever discards valuable resources. Recycling these materials extends landfill capacity and produces new resources, such as compost and renewable natural gas.



- **Fighting California's Climate Crisis** - The climate crisis is evident in sea level rise, extreme temperatures, longer fire seasons, and droughts. Recycling organic material reduces short-lived climate super pollutants that accelerate the climate crisis.



- **Feeding Hungry People** - Tons of edible food are disposed daily, while millions across California are food insecure. Rescuing edible food for recovery helps feed our communities.

## SB 1383 Statewide Targets

### 2020:

50% Reduction in Landfilled Organics

### 2025:

75% Reduction in Landfilled Organics & 20% Donation of Currently Disposed Edible Food



## How Will SB 1383 Impact My Business?

Everyone living and working in California will be impacted by SB 1383, as it **requires** all residents and businesses to **divert their organic waste**. In order to meet SB 1383's targets, your business must take the following actions to comply with all program requirements:

### 1 Establish an Organics Recycling Program:

- **Enroll in curbside organics recycling service** with EDCO. They will deliver a green bin for organic material. Trash and recycling streams may be right-sized to accommodate your enclosure space.
- **Alternatively, self-haul organic materials** rather than enrolling in a curbside organics recycling program. The regulations allow you to take your organic material to a processing facility or to manage the material on-site, for example by composting. Contact your city for available options.
- **Provide organics and recycling bins** in all areas where disposal containers are provided and where such materials are generated, except in restrooms. Bins must be provided in adequate numbers, sizes, and locations, with correct labels and/or colors to align with the waste type. Customizable signage is available on CalRecycle's website.
- **Annually provide education** to employees, contractors, tenants (within 14 days of occupying premises), and customers about proper waste sorting.
- **Periodically inspect containers** for contaminants (e.g., edible foods or non-organic material in your green bin). Inform employees and tenants if contamination is found and improve sorting signage.
- **Maintain responsibility** of ensuring that employees, contractors, tenants and customers properly sort organic materials into correct containers at business establishments.



To enroll in curbside organics recycling service, contact EDCO customer service based on your location: <https://corporate.edcodisposal.com/contact-us/>

### 2 Establish a Food Donation Program:

Food donation is mandatory for Tier One and Tier Two generators and encouraged for all food generating businesses. Tier classification depends on the following business categories, plus additional size parameters. Contact your jurisdiction for details.

**Tier One generators:** supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors.

**Tier Two generators:** restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues and events, state agencies and local education agencies.

Regulated generators must implement a food recovery program through the following actions:

- **Establish a contract** or written agreement with a food recovery entity.
- **Donate the maximum** amount of excess edible food that would otherwise be disposed.
- **Maintain records** of food donation activities onsite.

Check the included insert for further guidance on food waste prevention and food recovery.





## Business Requirements Timeline

**Beginning 2022:** All residents and businesses were required to participate in organics waste recycling

**January 1, 2022:** Tier One generators were required to have a food donation program

**January 1, 2024 & Onward:** Tier Two generators are required to have a food donation program

## Organic Waste Diversion

After enrolling in organics recycling service, all organic material needs to be sorted into a third stream, separate from trash and recyclables. In order to ensure compliance:

- Educate all employees and tenants on how to properly sort materials
- Co-locate organics recycling containers with trash and recycling bins
- Post sorting signage at eye-level in all disposal areas

### Accepted Items:

- Meat & bones
- Dairy & eggs
- Bread & grains
- Fruits & vegetables (including peels, pits & rinds)
- Food-soiled paper (napkins, coffee filters, tea bags, unlined paper plates)
- Green waste (plants, grass clippings, leaves, branches)



***"If it grows, it goes!"***

### Contaminants:

- Plastic bags
- Bioplastic or "compostable" plastic
- Parchment paper
- Glass
- Metal
- Styrofoam
- Plastic containers
- Bottles
- Fats, oils & greases (FOG)
- Wax paper
- Rocks & dirt



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## How Are Materials Processed?

Organic material discarded in your green organics bin will be sent to an organic waste diversion facility such as a composting or anaerobic digestion facility. In these natural processes, microorganisms break down organic materials such as food waste. Organic material is recycled into renewable natural gas and soil amendments.



EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion Facility



## Self-Hauling and Waivers

SB 1383 allows for businesses to self-haul their organic waste to a high-diversion facility. To assist cities with their reporting requirements, self-haulers are required to maintain records of the amount of organic material diverted through delivery receipts and weight tickets.

Waivers from enrolling in organics recycling service **may** be granted by your city if your business:

1. Generates more than 2 cubic yards (CY) of solid waste per week and less than 20 gallons of that is organic waste, OR
2. Generates less than 2 CY of solid waste per week and less than 10 gallons of that is organic waste,
3. Provides evidence that the business lacks adequate space for organic waste containers.

For more information on self-hauling options and potential exemptions, contact your city.

## Monitoring & Inspections

SB 1383 requires cities to monitor and inspect businesses to ensure they follow legislative guidelines and to identify areas where support may be needed. All businesses must allow access to their property by the city and the waste hauler.



**Organics Recycling Monitoring** entails review of organics recycling program compliance, including bin setup, contamination levels, and signage. Monitoring will be conducted by EDCO once pick-up service is in place.



**Edible Food Recovery Inspections** have been underway in your city beginning January 1, 2022 for Tier One businesses and began January 1, 2024 onward for Tier Two businesses. Check the insert for compliance guidelines.

Your city has begun investigating noncompliance complaints starting January 1, 2022. Each year, your city is responsible for providing educational material to support you with compliance.

## Enforcement Timeline

**January 1, 2022**

- Compliance reviews of all solid waste collection accounts began
- Inspections of Tier One generators began

**January 1, 2024 Onward**

- Enforcement of all violations began
- Inspections of Tier Two generators began

## Questions?

For more information on SB 1383 and how this will impact your business, please contact:



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