

SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

Statewide Organic Waste Regulations

Senate Bill 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants is a statewide effort to reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (like methane gas) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes specific statewide targets:

- Reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025)
- Rescue at least 20% of food that is currently going to landfills by 2025 and redirect it to people in need

What is Organic Waste?
The State defines organic waste as food, landscape trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products and other plant and animal-based products.

What do these regulations mean for businesses?

While having access to recycling and organics recycling service has been required for a number of years by Statewide solid waste laws AB 341 and AB 1826 as well as by City Municipal Code 32.01.065, the new statewide regulations under SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants requires significant changes to the way that businesses and residents statewide manage their waste. Unlike past statewide solid waste laws that were very generalized about how they could be implemented locally, these regulations are purposefully specific and detailed in their requirements for the City, businesses and residents. **The requirements for businesses, listed on the other side of this flier, are set by the State under the SB 1383 regulations and will apply to nearly all California businesses.**

Assistance is available

Recology staff provides free waste audits, where their staff can come to your property and offer suggestions and advice to ensure compliance with these regulations. Contact Recology Davis at RecologyDavis@Recology.com or 530-756-4646 to set up an appointment. The Davis Recycling Program provides free bins, posters and labels to businesses that obtain a waste audit from Recology. Posters and fliers are also available to download for free at DavisRecycling.org.

Why is it important (and better for the environment) to sort our waste?

Sorting out recyclable and compostable waste is an easy way to combat climate change.

Landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in California. When buried in landfills, organic waste (including paper, cardboard, food scraps, food-soiled paper products, yard trimmings and other organic-based wastes) emit 20% of the state's methane (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) and air pollutants like PM 2.5 (which contributes to health conditions like asthma). **Organic wastes make up half of what Californians send to landfills.** Items placed in the trash are sent directly to the landfill and are not sorted out—that's why it's so important to sort waste into the correct bin. Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills has a direct impact on the climate crisis and can create healthier air for all of us to breathe.

Got extra food?
If you have extra food that shouldn't go to waste, you can donate it to those in need. Find places where you can donate at: DavisRecycling.org and click on the link for 'Edible Food Recovery.'

What happens to our organic waste?

All the paper and cardboard collected by Recology Davis from our community is recycled into new products. Recology takes all the food scraps, food-soiled papers and yard trimmings they collect to a local composting facility where the wastes are turned into clean energy and nutrient-rich compost!

**Recycling and Organics Collection:
It's not just a good idea.
It's a statewide law.**



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Requirements for Property Managers

While having access to recycling and organics recycling service has been required by State and local law for a number of years, new statewide regulations under SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants may require significant changes to the way that businesses and residents statewide manage their waste.

Property managers/owners are required to either:

- **Subscribe to and participate in the City's recycling and organics collection service.** Properties in Davis that subscribe to trash collection service through Recology Davis receive unlimited recycling service at no additional cost (the cost is already included in trash service fees). Trash service also includes one organics cart. Additional carts are available for a fee. Depending on the amount of organic waste generated, properties may need additional organics carts or more frequent service.
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- **Self-haul recyclables and organic waste to a recycling center, composting facility, community composting program and/or other collection activity or program.** If this option is chosen, there are specific reporting requirements that must be followed. Please contact the Public Works Utilities and Operations Department for details (see the contact info on the bottom of the previous page).

Property managers/owners are required to:

- **Provide recycling and organic waste collection services for employees, contractors and tenants.**
- **Supply and allow access to an adequate number, size and location of recycling and organic waste containers with the correct labels or container colors.**
 - Organics and recycling carts must be located in each trash enclosure. There must be a sufficient number to collect all recyclables and organics generated.
 - All waste enclosures must have a designated area for cardboard recycling.
 - Organics and recycling bins must be located next to all trash bins in offices and common areas. There must be a sufficient number and size to collect all recyclables and organics generated onsite. Restrooms in offices or common areas must have an organics bin to collect paper towels, if paper towels are present. All bins must meet either the color or labeling requirements:
 - Color requirements: Bins must be color-coded (trash = gray or **black**, **recycling = blue**, **organics = green**). Either the lid and/or the body of the container must be color-compliant. Existing bins do not need to be replaced until 2036, but all new bins purchased after January 1, 2022, must be color-compliant.
 - Labeling requirements: Bins must be clearly labeled with what can and cannot go inside the bin.
- **Require that any contract or work agreement between your property and a gardening or landscaping service specify that the yard trimmings generated by those services be kept out of the trash/landfill.**
- **Annually educate employees, contractors and tenants on how to properly sort recyclables and organic waste into the correct bins.** *Fliers and online videos that can be provided to tenants to meet this requirement are posted online at DavisRecycling.org—click on the link for SB 1383.*
- **Provide information to new tenants about their requirements to sort waste properly within 14 days of occupation of the premises.** *Fliers and online videos that can be provided to tenants to meet this requirement are posted online at DavisRecycling.org—click on the link for SB 1383.*
- **Require that any contract or work agreement with a gardening or landscaping service specify that the yard trimmings generated by those services be kept out of the trash/landfill.**

Tenants must properly sort their recyclables and organic wastes into the correct containers.

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