



California SB 1383



Q: What is SB 1383?

A: The State of California passed regulations included in Senate Bill 1383, the Short-Term Climate Pollutants Act, which requires Californians to reduce organic waste (food waste, landscape trimmings, etc.) by 75% by 2025 to reduce methane emissions.

Q: How does SB 1383 affect me?

A: Residents are required to stop putting organic waste into the trash, and instead putting it in an organics recycling container. Containers will be periodically inspected for contamination.

Q: How is the city educating residents and commercial businesses on how to recycle organic food waste?

A: Staff has created a section on the City's website with information educating residents on the city-wide organics program at <https://www.cityoflaverne.org/index.php/services/environmental-programs/solidwaste-recycling-guide/residential-recycling>. Additionally, many social media posts have been posted, announcements at several City Council meetings amongst other city publications.

Q: Will it affect my rate?

A: Yes, rates have been increased to cover the costs of food waste collection, transportation and processing. More increases could come later, to cover the cost of the remaining requirements.

Q: Will I be fined if I don't do this?

A: SB 1383 does require the City to fine violators. However, the City will make every reasonable effort to collaborate and develop solutions, before enforcement.

Q: What can I put inside my organics cart?

A: Cooked meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, bread, pasta, rice, grains, plate scrapings, coffee grounds, food soiled paper (minimal amounts acceptable), grass, leaves, small branches, shrubbery, plants, weeds, and garden trimmings. Please do NOT add liquid.

Q: What is contamination?

A: Contamination occurs when you place items in the wrong bin. Contaminants can ruin an entire truck load of organics or recyclables and prevent them from being recycled. Loose plastic bags and bagged materials in organics and recycle carts are common contaminants. Please empty your organics and recyclable materials directly into your carts to give them the best chance of becoming new products.

Q: How will containers be monitored for contamination under SB 1383?

A: Waste Management SmartTruckSM technology captures images of materials as they're leaving the cart and entering the truck. This process occurs during every collection activity. When contamination occurs, Waste Management provides the customer with targeted feedback and education that sometimes includes the image of the cart contents. The hope is that this rapid feedback will help correct contamination. Please ensure that your preferred contact information is up to date by setting your preferences in your online <https://www.wm.com> account or My WM mobile application.

Q: Will someone inspect my home or business?

A: SB 1383 requires the City or a designee to inspect containers for contamination (materials being placed in the wrong cart) and notify the resident of contamination while providing education.

Q: Is the City planning on entering private properties to check for contamination?

A: At this time, the exact methodology to address the State's cart contamination minimization requirement has not been formalized. Regardless, the City and any partners will be sure to abide by laws respecting privacy and the authority limitations outlined in the legislation.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/archive/2020/slcp>

Q: How can I avoid odors and residue?

A: Consider lining your organics cart with a layer of green waste and/or cardboard before placing your food waste inside. For more tips, please visit "Ways to Reduce the Yuck Factor in the Organics Carts": <https://www.cityoflaverne.org/index.php/documents/public-works/environmental-programs/2549-la-verne-sb-1383-faq-residential/file>

Q: Can I place plastic, biodegradable or compostable bags in my organics cart?

A: No. Please do not place any type of bag inside the organics cart. If you choose to collect your organic waste inside a bag, please empty the bag directly into your organics cart and discard the bag into the trash cart. Unfortunately, these products often do not break down at industrial composting facilities.

Q: Will I be receiving a fourth trash cart to separate food waste?

A: No, food waste will be co-mingled with the green waste in the organics cart.

Q: Can I request a different size organics cart?

A: Not at this time. However, as this program grows there may be more options, call Waste Management at (909) 599-1274 for updated information.

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

A: Yes, the regulations require jurisdictions to provide organic waste collection services (including food and landscape waste) to single-family and multi-family residences (defined in the legislation as those with five or more units) and businesses that generate organic waste beginning January 1, 2022.

Q: Are multi-family dwellings required to provide an organics cart for residents at all enclosures on the property?

Not necessarily. The regulations require multi-family residential dwellings, to provide or arrange for organic waste collection services at an adequate level with correct cart colors and labels. Facility managers will need to monitor the program to ensure that the carts are in adequate locations. If the waste hauler identifies a contamination issue, the hauler or jurisdiction will inform the listed account contact to address the situation.

Q: Who would residential customers contact in regards to questions about organic waste?

A: Waste Management-Visit

https://www.wm.com/us/local/ca/la-verne/residential?cmp=ag_home_2022-01-03_usa_ca_la_verne
or call (909) 599-1274

City of La Verne- Visit <https://www.cityoflaverne.org/index.php/services/environmental-programs/solidwaste-recycling-guide> or call the Public Works Department at (909) 596-8741.

Cal Recycle-Visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq/collections>