

California Senate Bill 1383 – Mandatory Organic Waste Collection Service

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law [SB 1383\(link is external\)](#), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025.

Methane emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills are a significant source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to global climate change. Organic materials including waste that can be readily prevented, recycled, or composted account for a significant portion of California's overall waste stream. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 13 -14% of total landfill disposal. Increasing food waste prevention, encouraging edible food rescue, and expanding the composting and in-vessel digestion of organic waste throughout the state will help reduce methane emissions from organic waste disposed in California's landfills.

Cities must establish organics recycling programs to all properties, including single family residential properties, multi-family residences, and businesses. Organic waste includes both food waste and other green waste, such as yard trimmings. In addition, cities must facilitate a food rescue program that creates a 20% increase in the recovery of currently disposed edible food from large food generators. The recovered food will then be routed to those who are experiencing food insecurity. Under SB 1383, the food recovery target must be met by January 1, 2025.

Organic Waste Collection Services

Effective January 1, 2022, all California residences and businesses will be required to separate organic waste from other trash and non-organic recyclables and participate in an organics collection program. The City of Irvine is working with its waste haulers to provide programs for residents and businesses to comply with the requirements of this legislation in 2022. These programs will include new solid waste service to collect organic materials, including food waste, from residential properties. The City will also continue its efforts to assist local businesses in complying with this legislation, as well as continuing efforts to support business compliance with other state recycling legislation including:

[AB-341](#) and [AB-1826](#) and [AB 827\(link is external\)](#)

SB 1383 Community Information Meetings

What does this mean for your Homeowners Association? The City of Irvine is in the process of working with Waste Management on an updated franchise agreement to provide organic waste collection services to single-family homes in Irvine, which also includes attached townhomes and condominiums.

The City recognizes that most of your residents currently have two collection carts - one for regular trash and one for traditional recyclable materials. However, under SB 1383, this collection system is no longer compliant with state requirements. The City is actively engaged with Waste Management on developing a residential waste collection program that will comply with state law. This could potentially include adding a third cart to residences in your community for the collection of food scraps; however, the City and Waste Management are exploring other feasible food waste collection alternatives.

Residents of Irvine are invited to learn more about SB 1383 and the new state requirement to begin recycling food waste. The current outreach meeting schedules include discussions planned on the following date below.

- Thursday, June 30, 6-7pm
- Wednesday, July 13, 6-7pm

For questions, email environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org(link sends e-mail).