

# What is SB 1383?



In 2016, Governor Brown signed SB 1383 into law, 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 established targets:

**75%**

Reduction of organic waste disposal in landfills by 2025

**20%**

Rescue of currently wasted surplus food by 2025

## The Law

Senate Bill 1383 was signed into law to combat climate change and reduce landfill methane emissions from decomposing organic materials. Methane is a climate super pollutant, 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper and cardboard currently make up 50% of what Californians dump in landfills. By diverting organic waste, we can significantly reduce local air emissions.

## What Does It Mean?

This law requires your waste hauler to collect your organic waste, including food waste, and dispose of it in a more sustainable manner, instead of simply taking it to the landfill.

## What Is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes most food, green waste, landscape materials and soiled paper, among other items. Generally speaking, think of items that are grown.

## Who Is Affected?

Everyone. Residents, multi-family properties and complexes, businesses, schools and public agencies all need to comply with the law and enroll in an organics recycling program.

## What Can I Place in My Organics Container?



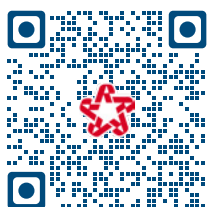
Yard Waste



Food Waste



Food-Soiled Paper & Paper Bags



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### What Happens to My Organic Waste?

Your organic waste is composted at Kochergen Farms Composting, a high diversion organic waste processing facility in the Central Valley. For more information, visit [Kochergenfarmscomposting.com](https://Kochergenfarmscomposting.com).

### How Do I Sign Up for Organic Waste Collection?

Unless you are approved for a waiver by the county, you should be receiving regular organics collection from Republic Services. If you are not receiving organic waste collection, please call us at **559.275.1551** to begin service.

### Can I Apply for a Waiver for Organic Waste Collection From Republic Services?

The County of Fresno requires all businesses and multi-family properties to subscribe to organic waste collection services unless they have an approved waiver for an alternative service (such as back-haul, self-haul, shared service or a third-party service provider). Remember, all organic waste must be diverted from the trash, which means if you are only diverting yard waste through a landscaper, you must have organics recycling service for food. To apply for a waiver, visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/fresno-county-ca](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/fresno-county-ca).

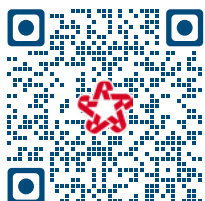
### What Happens If I Don't Comply?

You may be subject to a notice of violation and enforcement action by the county. The County of Fresno's ordinance 8.27.140 went into effect January 1, 2024. It states that if the county determines that a customer, hauler, commercial edible food generator, food recovery organization, food recovery service or other entity is not in compliance or is in violation, the county will issue a notice of violation and take enforcement action.

### This Is All Great To Know, But How Else Can I Help Divert Organic Waste From the Landfill?

You can be proactive about reducing methane emissions by reducing your own organic waste generation. Some simple ways:

- › Making a shopping list to buy only what you need.
- › Freeze leftovers, and eat them later.
- › Implement self-composting practices at home. Visit [Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost](https://Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost) for more information.
- › Monitor food containers to determine what is being thrown out, when and why. Adjust purchasing policies to reduce food orders based on findings.
- › Arrange to donate edible food (mandatory for Tier 1 and Tier 2 food generators). For more information, visit [RepublicServices.com/municipality/fresno-county-ca](https://RepublicServices.com/municipality/fresno-county-ca).



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