

ORGANICS

Acceptable Items / Artículos aceptables

Food Waste

Desechos de Alimentos



Coffee grounds, egg shells,
fruit and vegetable scraps



Bread, Cereal, Pasta,
Tortillas, Rice and Beans



Seafood, Cooked
Meat and Bones



Dairy Products



Coffee Filters
and Tea Bags



Paper Bags



Paper Towels
and Napkins

Yard Waste

Residuos de Jardín



Flowers, houseplants, leaves,
grass & yard clippings

Not Acceptable Artículos inaceptables



Manure



Pet Waste



Fats, oils, grease



No plastic containers,
glass, or metal



Sustainability in Action

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or call **800.299.4898** for more
information.

ORGANICS RECYCLING

California law prohibits cities from sending organics materials to landfills.

The Law

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – California’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy aims to take organics out of landfills to help reduce methane emissions. Organic materials that end up in landfills decompose, creating methane gas, a greenhouse gas emission that negatively contributes to the environment.

What is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, such as meat, dairy, grains, fruit, vegetables, bones, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea leaves and food-soiled paper, like paper napkins, coffee filters and tea bags (minimal amounts). Organic waste also includes yard waste, like grass, leaves, small branches, shrubbery, plants, weeds and garden trimmings.

What Does it Mean?

Your green organics container is meant for food waste, food-soiled paper, and any yard waste material.

What Are the Benefits?

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, SB 1383 aims to reduce food insecurity in California, with the goal of recovering 20% of edible food from businesses. Food recovery means collecting edible food that would otherwise go to waste and redistributing it to feed people in need.

What Happens to the Organic Waste Once I Sort It?

Organic waste will be composted and turned into nutrient-rich fertilizer. Republic Services and the City will host compost giveaways for all Bell Residents.

Contamination

SB 1383 requires contamination monitoring of all containers to ensure program success. Contamination occurs when you place incorrect items in recycling, organics and trash containers. The labels on your containers provide examples of acceptable and unacceptable items. From time to time, you will see Republic Services representatives looking inside your containers. This is done to confirm containers are being used correctly and that recycling is being done properly

