



## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT

### STATE-MANDATED REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLING AND ORGANIC MATERIALS FOR BUSINESSES

Dear Business Owner/Responsible Party:

If you are receiving this notice, your business has been identified as being subject to California's mandatory recycling laws Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) and Assembly Bill 827 (AB 827). All requirements referenced in this letter are included in the Garden Grove Sanitary District Code of regulations. Refer to Section 5.10.050 for Requirements for Commercial Businesses ([ggcity.org/ggsdcor](http://ggcity.org/ggsdcor)).

#### What are SB 1383 and AB 827?

SB 1383 is California's statewide effort to reduce harmful emissions through diverting organic materials from landfills. AB 827 aims to educate and involve customers to achieve statewide recycling goals.

#### What is required by SB 1383 and AB 827 for a commercial business?

Businesses are *required* to set up containers for customers, tenants, and employees to easily access recycling and organic materials collection containers **for materials that are generated from products that are purchased and consumed by customers on-site**. The containers need to be clearly labeled for each material stream of accepted materials, including trash, recycling, and organic materials (ex. food scraps, leftovers from meals, food soiled napkins, etc.). In addition, businesses are required to inspect containers for contamination and educate employees and tenants on proper sorting of materials.

#### Does this include your commercial business?

Limited-service restaurants in California must now provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Full-service restaurants do not need to provide labeled containers to customers, but employees must separate recyclable and organic materials into the correct back-of-house container. **This law also applies to food courts and any other businesses that sell food or items in recyclable packaging for on-site consumption.**

#### How to comply with business requirements of SB 1383 and AB 827:

- Supply and allow access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with the correct labels or container colors where materials are disposed. **Contact a Republic Services Sustainability Advisor at 714.238.3300 for additional assistance.**
  - Front-of-house collection containers need to be clearly visible, labeled, and accessible to all.
  - Signage and labels for all containers need to match the requirements set forth by CalRecycle, including images and graphics of allowable and non-allowable materials.
  - Containers should be located directly adjacent to all trash collection containers on the premises.
- Educate employees and tenants about organic materials recovery requirements and proper sorting of organic materials. Education must be provided annually and within 14 days for new employees/tenants.

#### Other Resources:

Sample container labels and education resources from Republic Services.



CalRecycle Education and Outreach Toolkit.



Additional information about requirements from CalRecycle is available here.



Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to supporting your business and participation in the recycling programs. For additional questions, please contact Mark Ladney at 714-741-5372 or by email at [markla@ggcity.org](mailto:markla@ggcity.org).