

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Compost Procurement



CA Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), also called the Organics Law, requires cities and counties to procure or purchase a minimum amount of recovered organic waste products each year, such as compost and mulch. As California residents or businesses, we must all comply with the Organics Law to help combat climate change.

When organic material, such as food and yard waste, goes to our landfills, it decomposes and becomes a major contributor of greenhouse gases and other serious pollutants. The Organics Law diverts much of this organic waste into a statewide recycling and surplus food recovery program that significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions in our state.

With our extensive operations throughout California, Republic Services is a leader in this sustainability movement. We have the right processes, equipment and know-how to partner with California cities and counties to help them comply with the organics law and connect local farmers and other end users with our recycled products.

Partnering with Republic Services, a jurisdiction may purchase our end compost and have it physically delivered to their city for use at parks, landscaping sites, or other public spaces. It can also be given back to community members by way of local giveaway events.

Jurisdictions may purchase the compost and use it, or donate it directly to local end users. This organics procurement and distribution process is called the Direct Service Provider Procurement solution. It's how Republic Services partners with local farmers throughout California to get more of the compost they need onto their farmlands, while at the same time, assisting city and county jurisdictions in complying with the Organics Law.

This solution reduces the cost of compost for farmers, sometimes eliminating it entirely, which makes soil-enhancing organic compost more accessible to farmers and communities throughout the state.



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As a direct service provider, Republic Services not only produces the organic compost farmers need for more sustainable farming, but we also transport it to farms while providing jurisdictions with the documentation and reporting they require by law.

Beyond that, Republic Services can also help local communities gain access to surplus compost material for their own use at the compost giveaway events we hold several times a year. These are where we encourage Californians to come collect compost and carry it back to their home gardens and family farms.

Whether compost is delivered directly to your community or donated through a direct service provider program, Republic Services is here to help. Together, we're complying with the law, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and protecting Californians with better, locally grown food and cleaner air and water.

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Republic Services currently has three fully permitted compost facilities in northern California.

- Forward, Inc., Manteca, CA
- Newby Island, Milpitas, CA
- West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill, Richmond, CA

Compost must be produced at a permitted compost site or large-volume anaerobic digestion facility. The compost that is produced at these facilities are Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) certified with the U.S. Composting Council, certified organic with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) and certified with the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI).



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