

SB 1383: SHORT LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS STATEWIDE ORGANIC WASTE REGULATIONS



Senate Bill 1383: Short Lived Climate Pollutants

is a statewide effort to reduce the emissions of short lived climate pollutants (like methane gas) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025) and rescue at least 20% of food that is currently going to landfills by 2025 and redirect it to people in need.



WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE?

The State defines organic waste as food, landscape trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products, and other plant and animal based products

Why is important to sort waste?

Sorting out recyclable and compostable waste is an easy way to combat climate change because landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in California. When buried in landfills, organic waste emits 20% of the state's methane (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) and air pollutants like PM 2.5 (which contributes to health conditions like asthma). Organics wastes make up half of what Californians send to landfills. Beginning in Summer 2024, items placed in the trash will be sent directly to the landfill and not sorted, which is why it's so important to sort waste into the correct bin. Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills has a direct impact on the climate crisis and can create healthier air for all of us to breathe.



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What do these regulations mean for businesses?

While having access to recycling and organics collection service has been required for a number of years by other State and local laws, the SB 1383 regulations require significant changes to the way that businesses and residents statewide manage their waste. Unlike past statewide solid waste laws that were very generalized about how they could be implemented locally, these regulations are purposefully specific and detailed in their requirements for the City, businesses and residents. **They are set by the State under the SB 1383 regulations and will apply to nearly all California businesses.**

What are businesses requirements?

1. Must subscribe to solid waste and organics collection program (recycling will continue to be sorted at the STR Material Recovery Facility).
2. Place correct material into the correct bins/dumpsters. Contamination monitoring will be ongoing, and the new law requires jurisdictions to enforce those out of compliance.
3. Business owners are required to train all employees, tenants, and contractors on the new collection requirements and keep a record of training and on-site monitoring to assure compliance. This includes owners of multifamily residences.

Assistance is available

We understand that the waste sorting requirements will take time and resources, so we have assistance available to help businesses with compliance.

Free waste audits

South Tahoe Refuse offers free waste audits to help businesses ensure they are compliant with waste sorting laws. Contact STR at 530-542-8336 or organics@southtahoerefuse.com to schedule a waste audit at your business.

Free supplies

South Tahoe Refuse has free waste sorting supplies, including SB 1383 compliant bins, labels and posters. These are available to STR businesses.

Free training

To make annual training and education obligations easier on businesses, STR has fliers and can conduct in-person training that can be used to meet requirements.



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