

What is SB 1383?



In September 2016, governor signed into law SB 1383, 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:

50%

Reduction of organic waste disposal in landfills by 2020

75%

Reduction of organic waste disposal in landfills by 2025

20%

Rescue of currently wasted surplus food by 2025

Methane emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills are a significant source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to global climate change. Methane is a climate super pollutant, 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 18 percent of total landfill disposal. Increasing food waste prevention, encouraging edible food rescue, and expanding the composting and diversion of organic waste throughout the state will help reduce methane emissions from California's landfills.

Will organic waste be composted?

Yes, the organic material will be composted.

What is food rescue?

For large food service businesses, edible food must be donated to food recovery organizations instead of thrown away. This will help feed the almost 1 in 4 Californians without enough to eat.

Who is affected?

Everyone. Residents, multifamily properties and complexes, businesses, yard waste exempt residents and public agencies will all need to comply with the law and have an organics recycling program.

When will the organics program begin?

There are many regulations that your city has to comply with in SB 1383. Your city is currently in negotiations with Republic Services regarding rates for weekly residential organics collection and an implementation plan to meet these new regulations. Your city council will review all the information at a future city council meeting. Once approved, you will be notified when these changes will begin. Your city is expecting to launch its full organics recycling program for residents in spring 2022.

For more Information on SB 1383, go to:

CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp

Organic waste is the largest waste stream in California.



What does SB 1383 mean?

The new law requires every jurisdiction to provide organics waste collection services to all residents and businesses.

What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes food, green material, landscape, prunings, lumber, wood, paper products, printing and writing paper.

