

City of La Cañada Flintridge

Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Commercial Organics Recycling Is Mandatory



Senate Bill (SB) 1383, California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, aims to take organics out of the landfills to reduce emissions of methane, a greenhouse gas that negatively impacts the environment. Organic materials that end up in landfills create methane gas as they decompose.

Under SB 1383, organics recycling is required at commercial businesses, institutions and multi-family properties, including landscaping waste hauled away by gardeners. Commercial organic waste includes all pre- and post-consumer food scraps, including cooked meat, fish, poultry, bones, fruits, vegetables, bread, pasta, rice and grains; food-soiled paper, such as coffee filters, wet paper towels and soiled napkins; and grass clippings, leaves, yard trimmings and other landscaping waste.

Here is what you need to do at your business or property:

- Separate food scraps and food-soiled paper from recycling and trash.
- Provide separate containers for organics, recycling and trash for staff and customers.
- If you have a commingled organics cart or dumpster for food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings, items should be loose or in paper bags. (No plastic bags are allowed in commingled carts or dumpsters.)
- If you have a separate cart or dumpster for food scraps and food-soiled paper, you may bag food scraps in clear plastic bags.

To learn more about organics recycling, read and download the City's handy guide at CityofLCA.org/introducing-sb-1383-organics-recycling or visit RepublicServices.com/municipality/la-canada-flintridge-ca.

Edible Food Recovery

SB 1383 establishes a goal of increasing edible food recovery from businesses by 20% by 2025. Some businesses, depending on size, are required to participate in a food recovery and donation program for surplus, edible food. For more details about this requirement, visit SGVcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program.



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Other Mandatory Commercial Recycling Programs

Assembly Bill (AB) 827: AB 827 requires that restaurants and other food-related businesses provide convenient and labeled organics, recycling and waste collection bins for kitchen staff. In addition, self-service restaurants, where customers collect their food and bus their own tables, must provide customers with labeled, side-by-side containers for organics, recycling and waste. You can download container and cabinet labels from RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources.

AB 341 and SB 1383: Under AB 341 and SB 1383, all businesses and multi-family properties must recycle clean paper and cardboard. Many businesses and properties must also provide recycling for additional items, including cans, bottles and containers, as well as items that are unique to their operations. If your business does not have a recycling cart or dumpster, please contact Republic Services at **800.299.4898**.



Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no recycling, organics or trash collection services on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23), Christmas Day (Monday, December 25) or New Year's Day (Monday, January 1). All collections will be delayed by one day on and after the holiday during these weeks.

Easy Account Management

Republic Services gives you one simple tool to manage all recycling, organics collection, waste disposal and account management needs. With 24/7 access on any device, you can:

- Pay your bill
- Schedule a pickup
- Find new products and services
- Receive alerts
- Request graffiti removal from dumpsters
- And more

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