

# City of La Cañada Flintridge

## Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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## Food Donation Requirements for Businesses

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that certain food-generating businesses donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed of to food recovery organizations. SB 1383 places mandated food donors into two tiers. Tier 1 businesses have been required to have programs in place for the past two years, and those programs must continue. Tier 2 businesses had to begin programs as of January 1, 2024. For more details about this requirement, visit [SGVcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program](https://sgvcog.org/regional-food-recovery-program).

To learn more about organics recycling, read and download the City's handy guide at [CityofLCF.org/introducing-sb-1383-organics-recycling](https://CityofLCF.org/introducing-sb-1383-organics-recycling).

## Commercial Edible Food Generators

### Tier 1



#### Supermarkets

A full-line, self-service retail store with gross annual sales of \$2 million or more, and which sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items.



#### Grocery Stores

Grocery store with a total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 square feet.



#### Food Service Providers

An entity primarily engaged in providing food services to institutional, governmental, commercial, or industrial locations of others based on contractual arrangements with these types of organizations.



#### Food Distributors

A company that distributes food to entities including, but not limited to, supermarkets and grocery stores.



#### Wholesale Food Vendors

A business or establishment engaged in the merchant wholesale distribution of food, where food (including fruits and vegetables) is received, shipped, stored, and prepared for distribution to a retailer, warehouse, distributor, or other destination.



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### Tier 2



#### Local Education Agency

A local education agency is defined as a school district, charter school, or county office of education, with an on-site food facility, that is not subject to the control of city or county regulations related to solid waste.



#### State Agencies

State agencies with a cafeteria with 250 or more seats or a total cafeteria facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet.



#### Restaurants

Restaurant with 250 or more seats, or a total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet.



#### Hotels

Hotel with an on-site food facility and 200 or more rooms.



#### Health Facilities

Health facility with an on-site food facility and 100 or more beds.



#### Large Venues

Large venue means a permanent venue facility that annually seats or serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals within the grounds of the facility per day of operation.



#### Large Events

Large event means an event including, but not limited to, a sporting event or a flea market, that charges an admission price, or is operated by a local agency, and serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation of the event, at a location that includes, but is not limited to, a public, nonprofit, or privately owned park, parking lot, golf course, street system, or other open space when being used for an event.

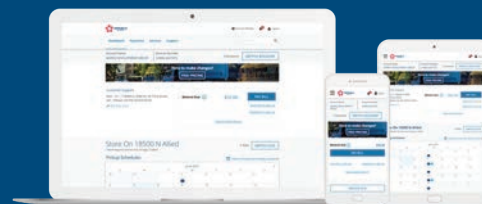


## Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no recycling, organics or trash collection services on Labor Day (Monday, September 2). All collections will be delayed by one day on and after the holiday.

## Easy Account Management

Republic Services gives you one simple online tool to manage all recycling, organics collection, waste disposal and account management needs. Visit [RepublicServices.com/Account](https://RepublicServices.com/Account) to sign up or download the app.



# Recycling Laws for California Businesses

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 341, businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units must recycle paper, boxes, cans, bottles and containers. California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 expands on these requirements, extending mandatory clean paper and cardboard recycling to all businesses and multi-family residences. If your business does not have a recycling cart or dumpster, please contact Republic Services at **800.299.4898**.

Under both AB 1826 and SB 1383, California businesses are required to reduce the volume of organics sent to landfills. Organics recycling is now mandatory for all businesses and multi-family properties, regardless of size or quantity of waste produced. Organic waste includes food scraps, food-soiled paper, non-hazardous wood waste and yard debris. If your business does not have carts or dumpsters for organic materials, please contact Republic Services at **800.299.4898**.

For additional information about commercial programs in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, visit [Cityoflcf.org/public-works/waste-disposal-recycling](http://Cityoflcf.org/public-works/waste-disposal-recycling) or [RepublicServices.com/municipality/la-canada-flintridge-ca](http://RepublicServices.com/municipality/la-canada-flintridge-ca).



## See What Happens to Collected Organics

Instead of going to landfills, collected organics are now turned into compost, mulch and renewable energy, creating beneficial products and reducing methane emissions. If you'd like to see how this process works, we can help. Republic Services has videos about how residential and commercial organics are processed after collection. Check them out!

- Residential Organics: [bit.ly/3vW07Ci](https://bit.ly/3vW07Ci)
- Commercial Recycling: [bit.ly/3ZjbT70](https://bit.ly/3ZjbT70)



## Employee and Customer Access to Recycling

Assembly Bill (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 clear 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](http://RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources).



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