

Edible Food Recovery

Businesses can also comply in part by donating surplus edible food to food rescue organizations.

Contact Republic Services for more information. Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires certain businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose of to food recovery organizations. SB 1383 requires the business types noted below to donate edible food:

- ▶ **Wholesale food vendors**
- ▶ **Food service providers**
- ▶ **Food distributors**
- ▶ **State agency cafeterias** (more than 5,000 sq. feet or 250 seats)
- ▶ **Health facilities** (with on-site food facility and 100 beds)
- ▶ **Large venues and events**
- ▶ **Restaurant facilities** (more than 5,000 sq. feet or 250 seats)

Here are some programs that accept edible food donations:

- ▶ **South Bay Outreach Center (House of Yahweh):** South Bay Outreach Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation, providing a variety of services in the South Bay Los Angeles community without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap. **310.675.1384**
- ▶ **LA Regional Food Bank:** The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank acquires nutritious food from a variety of sources and makes sure it ends up in the hands of under-served communities and those who need it the most. **323.234.3030**
- ▶ **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church:** The OLG Hand 'n' Hand Ministry attends to the physical needs of those in our midst who are less fortunate by collecting and distributing food items, clothing and other goods. Recipients especially need protein, such as canned meat, canned tuna, chili, soup, beans and rice, and stew. **310.372.7077**

Technical Assistance and Resources

Republic Services provides technical assistance and support to customize programs and services that best meet your needs, are cost-efficient, and ensure compliance with State regulations, including:

Waste Audits

Our Sustainability Advisors will conduct a waste audit to analyze your waste and determine the service levels needed to maximize your recycling opportunities.

Educational Materials

Our educational materials, including posters and labels, are designed to clearly convey to staff and tenants how the program works, and are available in multiple languages.

Presentations and Trainings

Our Sustainability Advisors will provide on-site presentations and trainings to your staff and tenants to help implement the programs and address any questions.

General Support

In addition to the waste audits and trainings, our Sustainability Advisors are available to answer questions as they arise, provide tips and resources for reuse opportunities and hard-to-recycle items, and offer other on-site technical assistance.

Participating in the Organics and Recycling Collection Programs will not only ensure compliance with State requirements, but can also be good for your bottom line.

For more information about our programs and services, visit our website at **RepublicServices.com/municipality/Lawndale-ca** or call **800.299.4898**.

You can also visit **CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp** for more information about SB 1383.



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Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Organics

Important Information for Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes in the City of Lawndale



Sustainability in Action

What Is Senate Bill (SB) 1383?

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires all California cities to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) by reducing organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.

Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Diverting organic waste to recycling can significantly reduce these local air quality emissions.

Reducing the amount of organic waste that ends up in landfills can help reduce methane emissions, which has many benefits, including:

- ▶ **Slowing global warming:** Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere. Reducing emissions can help slow the rate of global warming.
- ▶ **Reducing air pollution:** Landfill gas-to-energy projects can reduce air pollution by replacing the use of non-renewable resources.
- ▶ **Creating health and safety benefits:** Landfill gas-to-energy projects can provide health and safety benefits.
- ▶ **Benefiting the community and economy:** Landfill gas-to-energy projects can benefit the community and economy.
- ▶ **Reducing environmental compliance costs:** Landfill gas-to-energy projects can reduce environmental compliance costs.
- ▶ **Preventing pollution:** Reducing the need to harvest new raw materials to dispose of waste can help prevent pollution.
- ▶ **Saving energy:** Reducing the need to harvest new raw materials to dispose of waste can help save energy.
- ▶ **Sustaining the environment:** Reducing the need to harvest new raw materials to dispose of waste can help sustain the environment for future generations.

Republic Services is here to help you understand your responsibilities, and make it as easy as possible to comply with state law SB 1383 by participating in the Organics Collection Services.

To comply, businesses and multi-family complexes must first separate their organic waste from other waste, and then use the organics container provided to you.

Through the Republic Services collection process, there are 4 integral actions taken to recover organic waste:

- ▶ **Collection:** Yard and food waste is collected from residents, restaurants and other businesses.
- ▶ **Transportation:** Regular route trucks transport loads of organic waste for recycling.
- ▶ **Composting:** Your yard and food waste is turned into nutrient-rich fertilizer that helps improve the overall quality of the soil.
- ▶ **Circular Economy:** Our compost makes its way back into the circular economy by being marketed and sold to landscapers, golf courses, farmers and residential customers.

Together, we can help the State meet its goal to **reduce organic waste disposal by 75%**



Mandatory Organics Recycling

All businesses and multi-family complexes are required to recycle their organic waste.

If you own a business or multi-family complex, you are required to divert organic materials from the landfill by participating in the organics collection service provided by Republic Services.

Organic waste includes food waste, food-soiled paper, and landscape trimmings and prunings.

You must place food waste and green waste in your green container for collection service.

Please call Republic Services at **800.299.4898** if you are in need of additional organics collection service or for more information.

There are several ways to prevent organic waste generation, including:

Composting: Composting is a way to manage organic waste by reducing the amount of waste in landfills and by providing natural fertilizer to gardens.

Donating Food: Donating extra food to a local food pantry or food rescue program is a great way to prevent food waste and help your community.

Reusable Containers: Reusable containers can help reduce plastic, paper and organic waste, because they can be used multiple times and store food at any temperature.

Conducting Waste Reviews: A review of your waste can help ensure that waste is properly separated and disposed of to minimize its environmental impact.

Recycling Organic Waste: Recycling organic waste for agriculture can help replenish soil organic matter.



Self-hauling

Generators may be able to self-haul their organic material to a specified composting facility or other collection program for repurposing, as long as they comply with specific requirements, including:

Separating waste: Self-haulers must separate organic waste from non-organic waste on-site.

Hauling to a permitted facility: Self-haulers must haul the separated materials to a permitted solid waste facility that processes or recovers the waste.

Record-keeping: Businesses that self-haul must keep a record of delivery to the facility.

For inquiries regarding self-haul program requirements, call the City of Inglewood at **310.412.5333** Environmental Services / Sanitation Services Officer.