

Placentia Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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What Is SB 1383?

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which was signed into law in 2016, establishes a goal of reducing the volume of organic waste disposed of in California landfills by 75% by 2025. SB 1383 builds on and expands the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, which affects all businesses that generate 2 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multifamily properties with five or more units. Under SB 1383, all residential properties and all businesses, regardless of size, will be required to participate in organics recycling programs. At this time, there is no change to the current bin setup or waste disposal process for Placentia single-family residents. Please continue placing only yard waste in the organics container, as food waste is not yet accepted.



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What SB 1383 Means for You

Residents

- Recycle all clean, dry paper in your recycling cart or dumpster. This includes cardboard and other boxes, envelopes, junkmail, magazines, newspaper, office paper, school papers, paperback books, paper grocery bags, shredded paper (bagged) and wrapping paper with no metal. Also, recycle metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers in the same cart.
- Reduce landscape debris by

letting grass clippings drop back onto the lawn as you mow and composting in your backyard. In addition to landscape trimmings and leaves, you can also compost fruit and vegetable scraps. Compost helps create healthier soil that uses water more efficiently, leading to beautiful and productive gardens.

- Use your yard waste cart for limbs, branches, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, other plant material and small scrap wood (no painted or treated wood). Branches and wood must be no more than 4 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet long. Palm fronds, cacti and other succulents, rocks, soil, pet waste, recyclables and trash are not accepted in the yard waste cart. The City of Placentia and Republic Services continue to work on developing a new organics recycling program to meet the State requirements. Once a program is approved, further information will be provided to residents.

Businesses

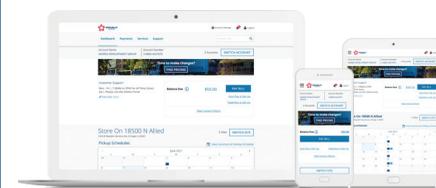
- Commercial businesses generating 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week are required to divert organic materials. Please contact Republic

Services to implement a food waste recycling program at **714.238.3300**. Green waste should be back-hauled by landscapers or self-hauled to a composting facility. Documentation, such as receipts or weight tickets, is required as proof of diversion.

- Republic Services offers recycling service for cardboard and paper products. Alternatively, cardboard and other recyclables can be self-hauled to a participating recycling facility. Documentation is required for proof of diversion.
- The three-bin system requires businesses to have trash, recycling, and organics (yard trimmings, food, and food-soiled paper). For assistance on setting up a three-bin system, please contact Republic Services at **714.238.3300**.
- Provide education and information on how to properly sort and dispose of materials to employees, tenants, customers and contractors. Resources (such as flyers, letters, email, signage and brochure templates) can be found on CalRecycle's website: **Calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/prtoolkit/**. You can also contact the City at **714.993.8148** or **Recycling@Placentia.org**.

Download the Republic Services App

Republic Services gives you one simple tool to manage your account needs. Visit **RepublicServices.com/Account/login** to sign up or download the app.



Contamination Monitoring

In accordance with state law, Republic Services staff will be conducting annual contamination monitoring reviews. Representatives, in clearly identified safety vests, will be in the community reviewing the contents of organics, recycling and trash carts and dumpsters. If contamination is found, a tag will be placed on the cart or dumpster identifying the incorrect items. Please note that these reviews are mandated by state law and will occur on an annual basis. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Avoid Common Recycling Mistakes



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- **Know What's Recyclable** – Place all clean, dry paper and cardboard in your recycling cart or dumpster. Also, recycle metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers in the same cart or dumpster.
- **Label Bins Clearly** – Inside your home, label your recycling bins clearly to remind everyone what can and cannot be recycled. Simple, visible labels can make a big difference.
- **Empty, Clean and Dry** – Empty bottles and other containers, remove excess residue, rinse them out, and allow them to air-dry.
- **Keep It Loose** – Don't bag your recycling. Place all items loose into the recycling cart or dumpster.
- **Avoid Hazardous Materials** – Never put tanglers, like hoses or cords, or hazardous waste, such as batteries, chemicals or medical sharps, into your recycling cart or dumpster. These items can endanger workers and damage equipment.
- **Steer Clear of Contaminants** – Keep "yucky" items out of your recycling cart or dumpster. These include dirty recyclables, greasy pizza boxes and diapers.
- **Know What NOT to Throw** – Items like plastic bags, plastic wrap, palm fronds, Styrofoam™, shredded paper, pet waste and diapers belong in the trash. Food-soiled napkins, paper towels and greasy pizza boxes should go in organics. Batteries and lightbulbs must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
- **Place Carts Correctly** – Set your carts in the street gutter, against the curb, in front of your premises, or in the alley or easement behind your premises. Proper placement helps keep collection routes safe and efficient.
- **Set Carts Out on Time** – Place your carts out before 7 a.m. on your regular collection day so drivers can service them without delays.
- **Learn More** – For more tips about recycling, visit [Republicservices.com/municipality/placentia-ca](https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/placentia-ca).

Recycling

Acceptable Items

Empty. Clean. Dry.

Paper & Cardboard

Plastic & Glass

Metal Cans

Unacceptable Items

Dishes & Mirrors

Carpet & Rugs

Hazardous Waste

Garden Hoses

Tires & Car Parts

Toys

Clothing & Bedding

Construction Waste

Appliances

Furniture

Diapers & Pet Waste

Yard & Food Waste

Plastic Bags & Styrofoam™

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Customer and Employee Access to Recycling in Food Service

Under Assembly Bill (AB) 827, limited-service restaurants in California must provide customers with visible, clearly marked and easily accessible containers for recyclables and organics (uneaten food scraps, soiled paper and similar items) adjacent to trash bins. Limited-service restaurants include all food vendors who provide food for on-site consumption, including food courts, food trucks and restaurants where customers collect their own food and bus their tables. Full-service restaurants need to provide separate bins for use by employees. You can download container and cabinet labels from [RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com/business-resources).

Cutting Food Waste Starts at Home

Wasting food may seem like a small issue from one household to the next, but across the country it adds up in ways that are hard to ignore. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently updated its estimate on the cost of food waste, finding that each American throws away about \$728 worth of edible food every year. For a family of four, that loss grows to nearly \$2,913 annually. And it is not just money going to waste. It is also the energy, water, labor and transportation invested in getting that food from the farm to your kitchen.



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While fresh produce and grain products are commonly wasted by weight, it is actually meat, seafood and dairy that create the biggest financial loss when discarded. These items often have shorter shelf lives and higher prices, so when they spoil or get overlooked in the fridge, the cost is especially steep. What may look like a forgotten cut of steak or expired yogurt quietly represents a meaningful chunk of a household's food budget.

Even with best intentions, food waste often happens because of overbuying, poor storage, confusion about labels or a lack of planning. [SaveTheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) offers helpful tools to support better planning, including a "Guest-imator" that helps households estimate portions before hosting meals so they can avoid buying more than they need. Once food is thrown away, it often ends up in landfills where it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. That makes food waste not just a matter of dollars but also an environmental concern. In fact, food is the single largest category of material found in municipal landfills in the United States.

Reducing food waste at home does not require a major lifestyle change. Awareness is the first step. By shopping more thoughtfully, preparing meals based on what is already in the kitchen and understanding that "sell by" and "best by" dates do not always mean unsafe, families can cut back on waste and stretch their food dollars further. Preventing food waste is not only a smart financial decision. It also supports a more sustainable future by easing pressure on natural resources and reducing unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions.

Planning a Party?

No one wants to host a party or family gathering and run out of food. As a result, we tend to make the opposite mistake — overbuying and overpreparing. By properly estimating how much food you need, you can save yourself time and money. Plus, you'll reduce waste and unwanted leftovers. To calculate what you'll need for your next party or celebration, use the "Guest-imator" tool at [SavetheFood.com/guestimator](https://www.savethefood.com/guestimator).



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Bulk Item Pickup

The City of Placentia and Republic Services provide residents with a convenient pickup option for bulky items.

Single-Family Units: By appointment, Republic Services offers curbside pickup for large items. Placentia residents may request up to three bulky item pickups per calendar year at no charge. Each pickup is limited to 10 items. Additional bulky item pickups are available throughout the year for a fee. To schedule this service, simply call Republic Services Customer Service at **714.238.3300** at least 48 hours before your regular collection day. Once your appointment is confirmed, a truck will be scheduled to collect your bulky items on your next regular collection day.

Multi-Family Units: Residents in multi-family communities should check with their homeowners association, property management, or property owner for specific instructions regarding bulky item disposal.



Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste



Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any product in your home that could be poisonous or dangerous if thrown into the trash. HHW includes car and lawn care products, paints and paint thinners, cleaning supplies, solvents, sharps and more. Never toss HHW into the trash. HHW can endanger children or pets, result in spills in your neighborhood or cause fires in collection trucks if it is placed into curbside carts.

Orange County residents can dispose of HHW for FREE at any of the county's four HHW Collection Centers. The nearest location for

Placentia residents is 1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim, 92806. For a list of accepted materials or more information, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous). Electronic waste items, such as televisions, computers, tablets and cell phones, are also accepted at these centers. Proof of county residence is required.

Homebound seniors and disabled residents of Orange County may qualify for scheduled pickups of HHW. If you need more information about this special assistance, please call **714.834.4000**.

What Do I Do With Old Paint?

Oil-based paint is considered hazardous waste and should be delivered to one of the Orange County HHW Collection Centers. Latex paint is not hazardous. However, liquid paint cannot go into your trash cart. You have several options for proper disposal of latex paint:



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- Mix kitty litter or paint hardener into the paint. Allow the paint to dry out and harden. Dispose of the can and lid in your trash. (Remember — never place liquid paint in the trash!)
- Recycle paint through California's Paint Care program. For locations and other details, visit PaintCare.org.

Report Illegal Dumping

If you spot an illegal dump site, don't ignore it. Instead, note the location, and report it to the City of Placentia via the iPlacentia app (Placentia.org/iPlacentia). If you see someone dumping illegally, do not confront them. If possible, discreetly take a photo of the activity. Write down a description of the person, as well as vehicle make, color and license plate number. Call the Police Department's non-emergency number at **714.993.8164** to report this activity. Working together, we can keep our city looking good for residents and visitors.

Break Down Your Boxes

Please break down and flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes. First, it will save a lot of room in your recycling cart. Second, it keeps items from getting caught inside the box. At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), staff members and machines work together to identify and sort materials as they travel rapidly over and through equipment. When other recyclables are inside boxes, they aren't visible and can't be separated by category, leading to contaminated bales of boxes and lost recyclable containers.



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Medication Disposal

Unused or expired medications left in your home can lead to accidental poisoning or allow access for misuse of the medications. Many local drugstores accept medications for proper disposal. You can quickly search online for "medication disposal near me" to locate permanent disposal locations nearby. For more details, visit [OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste/medication-and-sharps-disposal).



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Food Assistance Available Locally

The Whitten Community Center and the Placentia Senior Center distribute food to those in need in our Placentia community.

- Whitten Community Center: 900 S. Melrose St., **714.986.2333**, Placentia.org/84/Neighborhood-Services (calendar of events)
 - o Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., closed on major holidays
- Senior Center (for adults aged 60+): 143 S. Bradford Ave., **714.986.2332**, Placentia.org/339/Senior-Center
 - o Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., closed on major holidays



Food Donation Requirements for Businesses

To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that California recover or rescue 20% of surplus edible food to feed people in need by 2025. The law directs food-generating businesses to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills and to maintain records of their food donation activities. SB 1383 places mandated food donors into two tiers. Large food businesses, such as wholesale food vendors, distributors, food service providers and grocery stores, are required to have a food donation program in place. Additional businesses, such as cafeterias, restaurants and venues, are required to comply as of January 1, 2024. Here are a few organizations that support food recovery efforts in Orange County:

- Abound Food Care, 200 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, 92705, **657.335.4480**, Aboundfoodcare.org
- Bracken's Kitchen, 13941 Nautilus Dr., Garden Grove, 92843, **714.554.1923**, Brackenskitchen.org
- Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC), 11870 Monarch St., Garden Grove, 92841, **714.897.6670**, Capoc.org



Residential Cart Placement Tips

- Place carts either in the street gutter, against the curb, in front of premises, or adjacent to premises in the alley or easement in the rear of premises.
- Place carts prior to 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.
- Place carts with the lid openings facing toward the street.
- Place carts in a visible location at least 3 feet apart and 5 feet away from mailboxes, trees, basketball hoops, cars or other stationary objects.

Why wasn't my container serviced?

- Overfilled or overweight container
- Insufficient space to service cart, such as car blocking container
- Hazardous waste found in container
- Contamination from organic waste, recycling, or trash placed in the incorrect container
- Container lid not closed flat
- Items placed outside the container, either on the lid or on the ground

Join the Republic Services Family

Republic Services is always looking for talented, hardworking employees. If you would like to stay close to home and advance in a well-paying career, consider joining our team. Available jobs in our region include drivers, equipment operators, mechanics, shop technicians, material sorters, laborers, customer service specialists, dispatchers, recycling coordinators, sales representatives, office support staff members and more. To see and apply for open positions, visit RepublicServices.jobs.



Contact Us

Trash Collection Service
714.238.3300

Household Hazardous Waste
714.834.6752

Public Disposal Center
800.700.8610

Billing
800.700.8610

To Report Storm Drain and Sewer Issues:
City of Placentia Public Works
714.993.8148
Placentia.org
Facebook.com/PlacentiaCA

RepublicServices.com/municipality/placentia-ca



Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no recycling, organics and trash collection services on these holidays:

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026
- Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, 2026
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2026
- Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2026
- New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2027

Collections on and after these holidays will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

