

# Business Recycling Laws

## Mandatory Commercial and Organics Recycling

State Assembly Bill ("AB") 341 requires businesses generating four cubic yards or more of solid waste each week to have recycling service. AB 1826 requires businesses generating two cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to have organics/composting service. For more information, visit: [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial).

## Mandatory Recycling and Compost Receptacles

AB 827 requires businesses subject to AB 341 and AB 1826 to have compost and recycling receptacles available for customers to use to collect waste generated from products purchased and consumed on the premises. For more information about AB 827, visit: [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/faq](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/faq).

## Senate Bill 1383

Composting organics is now law for all businesses! Organic material accounts for more than one-third of the waste stream in California. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to climate change. Businesses are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings for composting. Businesses must also annually educate employees on how to properly sort waste into recycling, compost, and landfill. For more information, go to [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).

## Food Recovery

To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 requires that by 2025, California will recover 20 percent of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills, to feed people in need. The law directs the following:

- Certain food-generating businesses are required to donate the maximum amount of excess edible food to feed people.
- Edible food generators and food recovery organizations must maintain records.

For more information, go to [RepublicServices.com/MartinezCA](https://RepublicServices.com/MartinezCA) or use this QR Code:



## Technical/Educational Assistance

Need help making sure you are in compliance with SB 1383 or just want to improve your recycling and organics programs? Republic Services can provide educational material, posters, employee trainings, waste assessments, and program support at no additional cost. Call 925.671.5860 or contact [SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com](mailto:SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com).

## Service Reminder

Lids must close. Overloaded or contaminated containers may not be serviced or may incur additional charges.

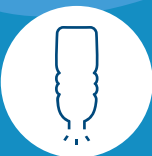
## Empty, Clean, and Dry Recycling



**Empty.** Remove any remaining food or liquid.



**Clean.** Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



**Dry.** Shake out excess moisture or air dry.



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# Commercial Recycling and Organics



Sustainability in Action



# Landfill

A collage of various waste items including a Frito bag, a crumpled paper cup, a green plastic bag, a red cup with a straw, a broken ceramic cup, a milk carton, orange plasticware, a broken pill bottle, a white foam container, and a blue glove.



# Recycle

A collection of various recyclable items arranged on a white background. The items include: a brown glass bottle, a stack of crumpled newspaper, a clear glass jar with a metal lid, a brown paper shopping bag, a flattened cardboard box, a crushed aluminum can, a clear plastic bottle, two aluminum foil trays, a stack of papers and envelopes, and a can of Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup.



Empty, Clean, and Dry

# Compost



A collage of various organic waste items suitable for composting. The items include a bouquet of red and white flowers, a pile of green leaves, a core of a red apple, an open cardboard pizza box with food remnants, three cracked eggshells, a chicken bone, a used muffin liner, and a white plate with food scraps including a tomato slice, a corn cob, and bread crumbs.



Compostable "BPI Certified" Bag,  
Paper Bag, or No Bag



## No Food



## No Paper



## No Green Waste



**No Recyclable Material**



## No Hazardous Waste



## No Liquids



## No Textiles



## No Carpet



**No Food**



## No Green Waste



## No Hazardous Waste



**No Styrofoam®**



Recyclables should be loose (no bags).



**No  
Metal**



**No Glass**



**No Plastic**



**No Hazardous Waste**



**No Compostable Utensils Or Cups**



**No Pet Waste**



Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only—not plastic bags. No compostable plastic.