



October 2022

Subject: **State Law SB 1383 Mandates Organic Waste Recycling**

Dear Valued Fountain Valley Resident,

The City of Fountain Valley, along with every jurisdiction in the State of California, is required by State law to implement an organic waste recycling program. California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires reductions of organic waste in landfills as part of a greater plan to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, such as methane. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste; 50% from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.

**Beginning October 1, 2022, all Fountain Valley residents should place their organic materials into their existing yard waste (green) container. Organic materials include:**

- **food waste, such as vegetables, fruits, cooked meat scraps, dairy, bread, pasta, rice, grains, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, plate scraps**
- **food-soiled paper (i.e. used pizza boxes)**
- **yard waste, (such as tree trimmings, grass clippings and leaves)**

*Organic materials placed in the green container must be placed loosely or contained within a paper bag-only. No plastic, compostable, or biodegradable collection bags are allowed in the container. A kitchen counter pail of your choice is a convenient way to collect your food waste inside your home before emptying it into your green organics cart.*

Enclosed in this package you will find:

1. A "How-To-Brochure" that explains SB 1383 and how-to separate your organic materials.
2. An "Organics Sticker" for you to place on the lid of your **green** organics container. This sticker will show you what can go inside the container. (See placement instructions outlined below)



#### **Cart Label Placement Instructions**

1. Wipe Cart Lid with Isopropyl Alcohol
2. Let Dry
3. Place Organic Sticker (included) on top of the lid of your green cart

By separating your organic materials into your green container for collection, you are preventing this material from ending up at a landfill. Instead, your organic materials will be transformed at a composting or anaerobic digestion facility to be turned into renewable energy and soil amendments. This process results in fewer harmful emissions being released into the air we breathe.

With this unfunded mandate comes a price to implement and enforce as required by SB 1383. Therefore, residents will see an increase to your bill starting October 1.

To learn more about the new organics program, visit:



Republic Services website:  
<https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/FountainValleyCA>



City of Fountain Valley website:  
<https://ggcity.org/public-works/organics-recycling>



CalRecycle SB 1383 Regulations:  
<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection>

Thank you in advance for your readiness to comply with this State mandate. If you have questions, please contact Republic Services at (714) 847-3581, [Recycle437@republicservices.com](mailto:Recycle437@republicservices.com) or the City of Fountain Valley at (714) 593-4433. We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

*The City of Fountain Valley and Republic Services*