



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 green cart. Your household has been identified as one that does not have a green cart. Within the next month, you will be receiving a small 35-gallon green cart to start separating your organic material.



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 a "How-To-Brochure" that explains SB 1383 and how-to separate your organic materials.

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 on 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 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