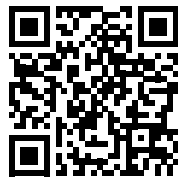


State Laws for Businesses

CA State Law SB 1383 and RecycleSmart's Organics Reduction Ordinance (21-1). Composting organics is now the law in California! Organic material accounts for more than half of California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to climate change.

All businesses are required to:

- Separate from trash all recyclables, food scraps, paper towels and paper napkins.
- Annually educate employees on how to separate organics and recyclables, and how to properly sort all materials.
- Place recycling and organics containers in all areas where landfill containers are present (except restrooms), with proper signage.
- Certain food-generating businesses are required to donate excess edible food to feed people. Visit RecycleSmart.org/FoodGenerators.
- If you self/back haul your recycling and/or organics, your business is required to maintain records. Visit RecycleSmart.org/Recycling-Reporting.



For additional compliance information, visit RecycleSmart.org/1383 or use the QR code.

SB 1383 also requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting by performing annual route audits. RecycleSmart or its contractors may be in the area assessing your carts and bins.

Free Technical Assistance and Resources

For free in-person assistance, including employee, tenant and custodial training contact a Republic Services Sustainability Advisor at 925.671.5860 or email SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com.

For free resources including signs, posters and training videos visit, RepublicServices.com/recyclesmartca.

Scan this QR code to watch and share this training video about food scraps collection at your business.



Overflowing Containers

Lids must be completely closed or your business may be charged for overages.

E-Waste

Call Republic Services to schedule a pick-up for a fee, or take most electronics to Concord Recycling or Rapid Recycle for FREE. Visit RecycleSmart.org/hhw.

Bulky Items

Disposing of large appliances and other bulky items in or near your bins is not permitted, and may cause access and safety issues for service. You can schedule special pick-up services (rates vary by item) by calling Republic Services at 925.685.4711, or check out local business reuse, repair and thrift resources at RecycleSmart.org/reuse.



Hazardous Waste

Eligible businesses can take paint, fluorescent bulbs, chemicals and other hazardous materials to Central San's Hazardous Waste Facility located at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez **for a fee**. Visit CentralSan.org/hhw.

Batteries

Batteries contain hazardous materials that start fires and are harmful to the environment. Drop off batteries **for free** at a convenient retail partner. Visit RecycleSmart.org/hhw.

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Yes

Plastic Utensils
Plastic Packaging
Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic Food Service Ware
Juice Pouches
Chip Bags
Snack Wrappers
Broken Dishware
Expanded Polystyrene Foam
Diapers
Pet Waste
Receipts
Coated Paper
Food Cartons
Plastic (Without a Recycling Number)
Non-Usable Textiles
Mixed Materials (two or more different materials combined together)

No

Food Scraps
Paper Towels or Paper Napkins
Landscape Trimmings
Recyclables
Electronics
Medical Needles/Sharps
Medicine
Batteries
Fluorescent Bulbs
Motor Oil/Filters
Hazardous Waste
Hot Ash
Chemicals

Yes

Empty, Clean, and Dry™
(#1-7) Plastic Containers
Bundled Plastic Bags
Metal Containers
Aluminum Foil
Glass Bottles and Jars
Clean Paper (If shredded, put in clear bag)
Dry and Broken Down Cardboard

No

Food Scraps
Food-Soiled Paper and Containers
Garbage
Paper Towels
Paper Plates
Organics
Wood
Expanded Polystyrene Foam
Hazardous Waste
Batteries
Electronics
Plastic Utensils

Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or in paper bags

Yes

Fruits and Vegetables
Dairy Products
Breads
Coffee Filters and Tea Bags
Meat and Seafood (including bones, shells)
Paper Towels and Napkins
Plate Scrapings (unusable food, leftovers)

No

Landscape Trimmings
Plastic
Glass
Metal
Paper Products (except paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, tea bags)
Pizza Boxes
Pet Waste
Diapers
Plastic Food Containers
Compostable Foodware & Biodegradable Plastic
Expanded Polystyrene Foam
Treated or Painted Wood
Palm Leaves
Dirt

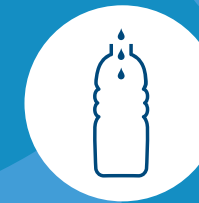
Food should be loose (no bags) or in BPI-certified compostable bags or clear plastic bags.

Empty, Clean, and Dry Recycling

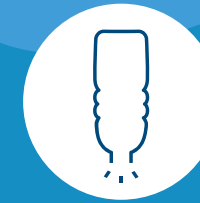
If your recycling or organics cart/bin is contaminated with unacceptable materials, it may not be serviced and your business may be charged a go-back fee.



Empty. Remove any remaining food or liquid.



Clean. Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



Dry. Shake out excess moisture or air dry.



Commercial Food to Energy Program

RecycleSmart partners with Republic Services and East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) to collect food from commercial businesses and turn it into energy! Learn more at [RecycleSmart.org/FoodWaste](https://www.recycle-smart.org/FoodWaste)



The commercial Food Scraps to Energy Program is different than traditional composting ("green organics cart"). To participate, place only food scraps, paper towels, and paper napkins into your "food scraps" cart. **Landscape material is not accepted. If you have landscape trimmings, please contact SustainabilityAdvisors@RepublicServices.com.**



Important: Compostable plastics such as cold cups and utensils **do not break down** completely. All compostable plastics should go in the black landfill cart or bin.

Donate Surplus Edible Food

Restaurants and other food generators can safely and conveniently donate all surplus edible food – no matter how small or large of a donation! Before you toss perfectly edible food into your green food scraps cart, consider a member of our community who may need your food donation. Learn more about local and free food recovery organizations and resources at [RecycleSmart.org/FoodGenerators](https://www.recycle-smart.org/FoodGenerators).

