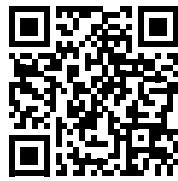


State Laws for Businesses

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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Food Scraps

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

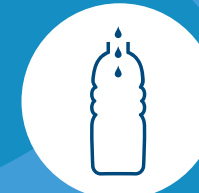
Food should be loose (no bags) or in BPI-certified compostable bags or clear plastic bags.

Empty, Clean, and Dry Recycling

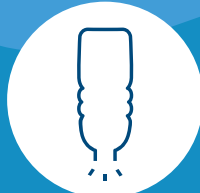
If your recycling or organics cart/bin is contaminated with unacceptable materials, it may not be serviced and your business may be charged a go-back fee.



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



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.

