

Organics Recycling Is Changing in the City of Costa Mesa!

California residents and businesses are seeing changes to the way organic materials, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, are collected and recycled. SB 1383—a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants—requires all California cities, including the City of Costa Mesa, to keep organic material out of landfills and use surplus edible food from commercial establishments to feed Californians facing food insecurity.

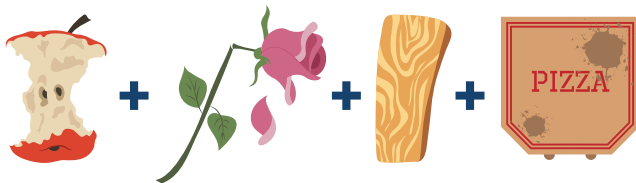


What Is SB 1383's Goal?

Research has shown that greenhouse gases released by human activities, such as landfilling food and yard waste, contribute to climate change. To respond to this climate crisis, California is implementing statewide organic waste recycling and surplus edible food recovery. Senate Bill 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in the statewide disposal of organic waste by the year 2025 and to recover at least 20% of the currently disposed edible food.

What Is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes the following materials: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.



What Is Food Waste?

Examples of “food waste” include solid, semi-solid, and liquid food, such as:

- FOG (fats, oils, grease)
- Kitchen waste
- Fruit
- Bread
- Fish
- Meat
- Vegetables
- Dairy

What Does This Mean to Me?

While program details vary based upon your specific hauler's requirements, generally all organic waste must be kept out of the trash and placed in a separate container for collection. Traditional recyclable materials like cardboard, paper, and beverage containers must also be separated for collection in a container designated for this material, unless your hauler has an approved program to collect mixed waste that is subsequently sorted at a State-designated high-diversion rate facility.

BUSINESSES AND MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES OF FIVE-UNITS OR MORE: your waste and recycling services are provided by the City of Costa Mesa's non-exclusive franchise. Find links to each of the City's seven haulers, and click on your hauler to find your specific program details: www.costamesaca.gov/SB1383.

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES OF FOUR-UNITS OR LESS: Your services are provided by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District's exclusive franchise. Find more information on this program and your specific requirements at www.cmsdca.gov.



For more information visit:
www.costamesaca.gov/wastecollectionandrecycling

