



# ARE YOU READY FOR ORGANIC WASTE AND FOOD RECOVERY?

GUIDE TO

## SENATE BILL 1383 SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

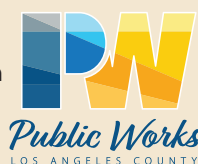
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In an effort to address climate change, Senate Bill 1383 is the most aggressive waste reduction law to be adopted in California for the past 30 years. The law will affect almost everyone and unlike previous laws, jurisdictions may issue penalties for non-compliance.

A summary of requirements is provided in this guide and free educational resources including assistance are available to help you achieve compliance.



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# Solving the Climate Crisis

California is experiencing a climate crisis which includes record-breaking temperatures, longer fire seasons, extreme droughts and rising sea levels. These extreme weather events are partly caused by decomposed organic materials such as food and yard debris in landfills that produce greenhouse gases. Senate Bill (SB) 1383 is a law designed to reduce greenhouse gases by diverting organic waste from landfills.

## Why separate organic waste from trash?



Everyone in unincorporated Los Angeles County must do their part to divert organic waste from landfills to reduce our impact on climate change and the environment.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services and comply with SB 1383.

## We are all in this together



The SB 1383 regulations apply to all who generate organic materials, such as food scraps and plant trimmings. Certain entities that provide food will also be required to donate their excess edible food to feed people.

By composting organic materials and recovering edible food for hungry people, we can all do our part to slow climate change.

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## Who needs to comply with SB 1383?

### RESIDENTS

*Includes those living in single-family homes or multi-family buildings*

### COMMERCIAL ENTITIES

*Includes for-profit and non-profit organizations, government offices and agencies including industrial facilities*

### NON-LOCAL ENTITIES

*Includes special districts, state/federal facilities, prisons, public universities, community colleges and county fairgrounds*

### LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES

*Includes K-12 public and charter schools, school districts and county offices of education*



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# 3 ways to comply

## ORGANIC WASTE REQUIREMENTS FOR Businesses

1

### Subscribe to organic waste collection from your waste hauler



Add organic waste to recycling and garbage collection through a franchised\* hauler. Contact your waste hauler for specific information.

*\* Organic waste collection service will be rolled out in phases by service area throughout 2022*

2

### Self-manage your organic waste



Register with the County if you prefer to compost organic waste on-site or self-haul it to an approved facility:

**FightFoodWasteLA.com**

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### Apply for a waiver



Exemptions from some or all of the requirements are available for the following reasons:

- **De Minimis:** minimal organic waste is generated based on cubic yards (CY):

**More than 2 CY of solid waste per week:** minimal is less than 20 gallons of organic waste

**Less than 2 CY of solid waste per week:** minimal is less than 10 gallons of organic waste

- **Physical Space Constraints:** inadequate space to fit three containers (garbage, recycling and organics).

**Note:** "solid waste" is defined as the entire waste stream, including garbage, recycling, and organics.

### PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE\*

Non-compliance may result in enforcement action, including monetary penalties. Penalty amounts vary by jurisdiction and extent of non-compliance.

### FOOD DONATION

Additional food generating businesses will be required to donate edible food in 2024. Safely donate excess edible food to fight hunger in L.A. County and reduce food waste.

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