

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

As of January 1, 2022, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 has taken full effect! SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025). It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food by 2025 through food recovery agencies. To assist with these efforts, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a mandatory organic waste disposal reduction ordinance that also took effect on January 1, 2022. The ordinance requires all residents as well as businesses and/or property owners to subscribe to organic waste collection service or to manage their organic waste through self-hauling or on-site management. It also requires large edible food generating businesses to recover excess edible food through food recovery organizations.

Public Works has been the lead agency ensuring the County complies with SB 1383. We are amending current waste hauler contracts and adding new ones with mandatory organic waste collection services for businesses and residents. We are in the process of transitioning current commercial non-exclusive franchise agreements to an exclusive franchise system which will include 8 zones by August 1, 2022. This will allow the County to implement SB 1383 requirements for commercial customers. Unincorporated LA County currently has 20 residential franchise areas of which 13 have already been updated to include SB 1383 regulations. The remaining seven agreements are scheduled to be updated by July 2022. We also provide waste collection services in Garbage Disposal Districts (GDDs). Three of those contracts have already been updated and the remainder will be updated by April 2022. We are in the process of developing four new GDDs in and around Antelope Valley by the end of 2023.



Outreach efforts are already underway. We have developed flyers and brochures for residents to inform them about the importance of organic waste diversion. In some areas, waste haulers have been going door-to-door to residents and providing them with kitchen pails along with informational materials to help residents adjust to the process. We have scheduled various community meetings and workshops for jurisdictions.

We are looking forward to a very productive and informative 2022! With everyone on board, we can easily reach the State's goals while combatting global warming and other environmental issues.