

City of Pomona Senate Bill 1383 Implementation

On February 9, 2024, the City of Pomona (Pomona) and County Engineers Association (CCEA) of Los Angeles hosted a meeting in Monterey Park featuring a speaker from Pomona's Public Works Department, Ms. Elisa Mitchell, Management Analyst. She provided an overview of how Pomona works to meet the regulatory requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and highlighted current programs. CCEA members and representatives from local government agencies, private developers, and consulting firms attended the meeting.

Pomona provides organic waste collection services for all residents and businesses. Its three-container, source-separated collection system segregates organic waste from other recycling materials.

Pomona has taken a grassroots-level approach to community engagement and education and launched a series of initiatives to bring residents and businesses into compliance through active participation. These include the distribution of kitchen pails for food waste and curbside bins to make organic waste sorting accessible. They regularly circulate organic waste recycling newspapers to keep the community informed and engaged in the collective effort. Pomona has proactively developed and granted organic waste collection waivers for eligible generators. They have code modifications to accommodate necessary changes, such as waste enclosures with space for organic waste collection bins.

Part of Pomona's strategy is collaborating with community organizations to capture surplus edible food from retailers, restaurants, and other food-generating facilities. They partner with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and a network of local food banks, non-profits, and community organizations dedicated to food recovery and distribution. These collaborations help Pomona understand logistical challenges, such as refrigerating donated food and developing solutions to facilitate the transportation storage and distribution of recovered food.

Focusing on utilizing recycled organic material products is part of Pomona's strategy for satisfying the SB 1383 procurement requirements. Pomona requires post-consumer recycled content paper and janitorial products in their operations, and contracts with the town include recycled product purchasing requirements. They also use compost material for its sports fields and golf courses. This approach is further bolstered by agreements with waste haulers to help ensure that the infrastructure and services are in place to support efficient compost distribution for agency, resident, and business use.

Through strategic partnerships, community engagement, streamlined waste management practices, and policy updates, Pomona has progressed in navigating the complexities of SB 1383 implementation.

For more information about the City of Pomona's SB 1383 implementation strategies, visit [SB 1383: Food Waste Reduction Law | Pomona, CA \(pomonaca.gov\)](https://www.pomonaca.gov/sb1383).



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FREE FOOD WASTE PAIS AVAILABLE FOR POMONA RESIDENTS!

One per household, limited quantity.

City of Pomona's food waste pail distribution campaign.