

City of Rosemead Senate Bill 1383 Implementation

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, 2016), California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, was adopted to reduce methane emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills. The law requires a 75 percent reduction in organic waste disposal and a 20 percent increase in edible food recovery statewide by 2025. The City of Rosemead (City) continues to support these goals through comprehensive local programs focused on waste collection, education, food recovery, and recycled organic procurement.

Organic Waste Collection

The City provides organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses through a three-container, source-separated system—trash, recycling, and organics. This system diverts food scraps, yard waste, and other organic material from landfills and supports methane emission reductions.

Community Education and Outreach

In collaboration with Republic Services, the City distributes quarterly bilingual educational materials through mailers, digital platforms, newsletters, and City events. A dedicated Sustainability Advisor visits commercial sites to offer sorting guidance and training for tenants and employees. The City also circulates multilingual content across YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and the City [website](#) to keep the community informed and engaged.

Edible Food Recovery

In partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), the City conducts annual edible food recovery inspections of Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food generators. In 2024, over 122,000 pounds of food were recovered from 33 inspected businesses, resulting in about 135 tons of CO₂ greenhouse gas emissions avoided and 3.5 million gallons in total water footprint reduction. The City also utilized CalRecycle grant funds to purchase equipment for participating Rosemead businesses and food recovery organizations to support ongoing food recovery efforts.

Procurement of Recycled Organic Products

To meet SB 1383's procurement requirements, the City entered a 33-month agreement with Agromin to supply compost and mulch for City use. In 2024, the City procured over 1,600 tons of compost, which is 65 percent of its annual target. Compost is distributed to local farms, used in school gardens, City landscaping, and shared at public giveaway events. By 2025, the City is on track to meet its full 2,516-ton annual requirement.

The City is making measurable progress in implementing SB 1383 through strategic partnerships, strong community engagement, and consistent education. With high food recovery compliance, significant compost procurement, and citywide organic waste collection, the City is actively advancing California's climate and waste reduction goals.

For more information, please visit the City of Rosemead's website at [Organic Waste & Recycling - City of Rosemead, CA.](#)