

# ORGANICS RECYCLING

## SENATE BILL 1383 AND YOUR BUSINESS

### WHY IS ORGANIC WASTE A PROBLEM?

- Organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California. The state agency CalRecycle reports that the super-pollutant methane has a short life span, but a long-term impact on the climate. Targeting methane reductions in emissions is an effective mechanism for combating climate change and moving toward a more sustainable future.
- The implementation of the state's organic waste reduction regulations adopted under Senate Bill 1383 (Short Lived Climate Pollutants) is the next critical step to protect our communities and our environment from the impacts of climate change.

### HOW ARE BUSINESSES AFFECTED?

Under SB 1383, businesses are required to:

- Subscribe to organic waste collection service provided by Burrtec.
- Ensure employees, contractors, tenants, and customers have access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with appropriate labels and container color.
- Provide containers for the collection of all waste streams including trash, food waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except for restrooms.
- Provide information to new tenants before or within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Prohibit employees from placing organic waste in a container not designated to receive organic waste.

### WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS?

If your business is a supermarket, grocery store, food service provider, distributor, or wholesale food vendor, you are classified as a tier one commercial edible food generator and have additional requirements such as:

- Not intentionally spoil edible food that is capable of being recovered by a food recovery organization or service.
- Arranging via contract with a food recovery organization or service to recover the maximum amount of edible food that would be redistributed for human consumption.

### VISIT BURRTEC.COM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- Information on methods for the prevention of organic waste generation, recycling organic waste on-site, sending organic waste to community composting, and any other local requirements regarding organic waste.
- A list of food recovery organizations and food recovery services.
- Information on how to minimize the creation of food waste, utilize the food recovery organizations for excess edible food waste, ensure edible food waste is not intentionally spoiled, and document edible food waste contributions to the program.

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## Commercial Food Waste Recycling

CalRecycle reports that recycling organic waste, including food waste, is the next critical step to protect our communities and our environment from the impacts of climate change. Organic waste in landfills accounts for 20 percent of the methane gas generated in California. Methane, a super-pollutant, has a short-term atmospheric life, but a long-term impact on the climate. Targeting methane reductions is an effective strategy to combat climate change and move towards a more sustainable future.

The goal of Senate Bill 1383 is to achieve a 75 percent reduction of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025. All residents must adhere to this law and recycle both food waste and green waste.



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**Black/Gray Container**  
is for trash



DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**BLACK/GRAY CONTAINER GUIDE**

**YES**

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Dishware
- ✓ Flower pots
- ✓ Hoses
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Window glass
- ✓ Wipes

**NO**

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Hot ashes
- ✗ Infectious waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs
- ✗ Machinery
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Tires

**Blue Container**  
is for recyclables



DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

**BLUE CONTAINER GUIDE**

**YES**

- ✓ Aerosol cans
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Tissue boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper

**NO**

- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Pet food bags
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Stuffed animals
- ✗ Wax paper

**Green Container**  
is for green waste



DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE

**GREEN CONTAINER GUIDE**

**YES**

- ✓ Birds of Paradise
- ✓ Dead plants
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Prunings
- ✓ Shrub trimmings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Tree trimmings
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Untreated wood
- ✓ Weeds

**NO**

- ✗ Animal waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Cactus
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Dirt
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Rocks

**Brown Container**  
is for food waste



DO NOT ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**BROWN CONTAINER GUIDE**

**YES**

- ✓ Bones
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Coffee & coffee filters
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Eggshells
- ✓ Expired food
- ✓ Food scraps
- ✓ Food soiled paper
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Cooked meat & poultry
- ✓ Peels
- ✓ Seafood
- ✓ Vegetables

**NO**

- ✗ Aluminum foil
- ✗ Bottles and cans
- ✗ Cooking oil
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Green waste
- ✗ Hazardous waste
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Raw meat and poultry
- ✗ Raw seafood
- ✗ Trash