

SB 1383: CALIFORNIA'S SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT REDUCTION LAW

Tackling Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Recycling Organics Waste

SB 1383 targets the reduction of methane emissions from landfills. The law establishes a target of 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025 in the reduction of statewide disposal of organics waste. In addition, businesses are required to recover and donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfill. Landfills are the third largest source of methane in California. Organics waste emits 20% of the state's methane; a climate super pollutant up to 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.



Who & When Must Customers Comply?

As of January 1, 2022, all residents and businesses in California must separate organics waste into a separate green organics container.



How Do I Comply?

SB 1383 requires residents and businesses to arrange for organics waste recycling services.



What is Organics Waste?

Organics waste includes food scraps, yard trimmings, and 100% fiber-based food-soiled paper.

ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS WASTE

GREEN WASTE

- Flower & hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves & branches
- Lumber, scrap wood, & plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

FOOD-SOILED PAPER*

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins & kitchen towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates
- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wooden & fiber-based utensils

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bread, rice, & pasta
- Cheese & dairy
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Fruits & vegetables
- Flowers & herbs
- Meat, bones, & poultry
- Seafood & soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

*Must be 100% fiber-based. NO materials with bio-plastic, wax, or petroleum-based plastic coating, liner, or laminate

**Plastic and bioplastic "compostable" bags are accepted in the organics container, but must be CLEAR or translucent-green, and bag contents must be visible. Acceptable organics will be processed, but the bags will not be recycled or composted.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- All plastics**
- Cacti, succulents, & yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)**
- Coffee cups & pods
- Fats, oils, & grease
- Food stickers (please remove)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins & towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment & wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks & soil
- Rubber bands & twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues & wet wipes

Edible Food Generators (considered Tier 1 and Tier 2) must recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed of, arrange for food donation and collection through contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations or services, and maintain food donation records. For more information, visit AthensServices.com/FoodDonation.

TIER 1 BUSINESSES

Required as of January 1, 2022

- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors
- Food service providers
- Grocery stores and supermarkets (10,000 square feet or greater)

TIER 2 BUSINESSES

Required as of January 1, 2024

- Hotels with 200+ rooms and an on-site food facility
- Restaurant facilities (5,000 square feet or larger, or seating more than 250)
- Local education agencies with an on-site food facility
- Healthcare facilities with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds
- Large venues (including shopping centers and malls) and events with 2,000+ daily visitors

SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



To arrange for a free organics recycling assessment, connect with your Athens Recycling Coordinator or call the LASAN Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489.