

# SERVICE GUIDE

## California Mandatory Recycling Laws

### Statewide Organic Waste Regulations: SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

SB 1383 is the most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in California in the last 30 years and is part of a statewide commitment to reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, like methane gas, in various sectors of California's economy. The State has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve health, and create clean jobs that support resilient local economies.

#### SB 1383 Targets

- Statewide reduction of organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.
- Rescue at least 20% of edible food that is currently going to the landfill by 2025.

#### What is Organic Waste and why is it important to divert it from the landfill?

When we are talking about organic waste for the purposes of SB 1383, we are talking about Green Waste, Wood Waste, Food Waste and fibers such as Paper and Cardboard. Landfilling organic waste leads to the anaerobic breakdown of that material, which creates methane. Currently landfills are responsible for 21% of the state's methane emissions. Diverting organic waste to a recycling facility can significantly reduce local air quality emissions and associated negative environmental and health impacts.

#### What happens to Organic Waste in my community?

Organic waste is delivered to Tracy Material Recovery for processing. Yard trimmings and food scraps are composted in an open-window composting system. This process takes several weeks and close monitoring. The product of composting is a nutrient rich soil amendment that is sold by the yard. Much of the material processed from the community remains local as it is reintroduced into landscapes, gardens, fields and orchards as nutrient rich compost.

Fiber products such as paper and cardboard are recycled into new products.

#### How does SB 1383 affect me?

- All residents and businesses are required to divert all organic waste from the landfill.
- Businesses are required to place labeled bins for recycling and organics recycling next to all waste containers.
- Some businesses are required to recover edible food for human consumption.
- Tracy Disposal will perform Curbside Audits and Route Reviews to assist customers with program compliance.



### RECYCLE



### ORGANICS



### WASTE



## Debris Box Rental Services

Sizes range from 1.5 cubic yards to 40 cubic yards.

- Sizes 1.5 cubic yards to 6 cubic yards.  
**These containers are recommended for small to moderate material disposal.**
- Sizes 10 cubic yards to 40 cubic yards.  
**These containers are recommended for large scale projects, demolition, home renovation and bulky item disposal.**



Open-Top Containers



Hoppers

## Special Handling Items, Appliances

Businesses must notify Tracy Disposal Service prior to placing any appliances, white goods, or any other items requiring special handling such as TVs, freezers, refrigerators or air conditioners at the curb.



## Household Hazardous Waste - HHW

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any waste generated from the use of a product containing a hazardous material that, if misused or improperly disposed of, could pose a threat to human health and/or the environment. HHW should never be placed in a bin, washed down the drain, poured in the street gutter or poured onto the ground.

Please protect the health and safety of our workers by properly disposing of sharps and other hazardous materials.

Call the San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Consolidation Facility at **800.449.4840** or visit <https://www.sjgov.org/solidwaste/hhw> for hours, drop-off locations and accepted materials.



## Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)

AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling went into effect July 1, 2012 to increase the amount of material diverted from landfills from the commercial sector. The purpose of AB 341 is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts and to expand the opportunity for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California. To comply with this regulation, businesses, public entities, and multifamily dwellings must perform one of the following:

1. Subscribe to mixed recycling or source separated recycling service;
2. Self-haul recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Donate or sell recyclable materials.

If your business or multifamily dwelling generates a large volume of a recyclable material type (ex. cardboard, shrink wrap) please contact [support@tdswm.com](mailto:support@tdswm.com) to explore recycling options.

## Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826)

AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organic Waste Recycling became effective on January 1, 2016 and requires businesses and multifamily complexes to divert organic materials. The intended purpose of AB 1826 is to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by diverting organic waste to recycling efforts. It is estimated that 30 million tons of waste



goes to landfill each year. When organics are left to decompose on their own they are a source of emissions contributing to green house gases. Organic waste (also referred to as Organics) means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed with food waste.

To comply with this regulation, businesses, public entities, and multifamily dwellings must perform one of the following:

1. Subscribe to a recycling service for organics;
2. Self-haul organics and/or other recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Operate an on-site organics recycling program in compliance with local and state regulations;
4. Donate or sell organic materials

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### Public Disposal and Material Processing Facility

- Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM
- Saturday 8AM-3:30PM
- Sunday closed

- Public waste disposal
- Reduced rates for clean loads of wood and green waste
- Compost & Wood Chips sales