

# **SB 1383: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Required Organics Waste Recycling | SB 1383 will revolutionize

how we dispose of organic materials in California by requiring organics waste recycling in nearly every jurisdiction. The measure ultimately requires a 75 percent reduction of the level of statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025, based on levels from 2014. Additionally, 20 percent of commercial edible food will need to be recovered from disposal.

Property owners, organic waste generators, and commercial edible food generators are required to comply with SB 1383 or jurisdictions must impose penalties. This includes supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food distributors, wholesale food vendors, restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, large events, and state agency cafeterias. Fines for non-compliance can exceed \$500 per violation.



## **BY JANUARY 1, 2022**

Property Owner Responsibilities

Provide or arrange for organic waste collection services. (section 18984.1)

- □ Ensure access to adequate number, size and location of organic collection containers.
- Ensure containers must are properly colored and labeled.
- Provide information on an annual basis to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about organic waste recovery requirements and proper sorting.
- Provide information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Allow and arrange for access to properties during all inspections.



**Food Waste Generator Responsibilities** 

All defined generators of organic waste shall comply with the requirements of Article 5 in order to prevent and reduce the generation of organic waste.

- (section 18986.1)
- Subscribe to and comply with required organic waste collection services or self-haul material to a facility that processes organics in a manner that complies with all requirements.
- Provide containers for collection of organic waste in all areas where disposal containers are located (except restrooms).
- Prohibit employees from placing organic waste in a container not designated to receive organic waste.
- Periodically inspect organic waste containers for contamination and inform employees if containers are contaminated and the requirement to only use appropriate containers.
- Provide employees methods for the prevention of organic waste.

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# Commercial Edible Food Generator Responsibilities\*

Arrange to recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed in a manner that is appropriate. (section 18991.3)

- Contract with food recovery service or organization that will collect edible food.
- Self-haul edible food to a food recovery organization.
- A large event operator that does not provide food but allows for food to be provided shall require food facilities operating at the event to comply with SB 1383 requirements.
- Must not intentionally spoil edible food that is capable of being recovered by a food recovery organization or service.
- \*Tier 2 businesses must comply by January 1, 2024.
- In no case may a commercial edible food generator recover no edible food absent of extraordinary circumstances



## **Next Steps**



Remember that it can take many months to adopt these changes, so plan accordingly. All activities, including education, oversight, monitoring, enforcement, and citation mechanisms of property and business owners, organic waste generators, haulers, and commercial edible food generators must be in place by the deadlines. Once you have identified program requirements that need to be updated or implemented, ensure adequate time to fully roll-out the programs and ensure compliance. Programs must be in place by January 1,

2022, it is important to get started.

If you need assistance, you can check the CalRecycle website for available templates. If you don't have a consultant that currently assists you, please contact Go2Zero Strategies to learn about the variety of education and outreach programs, business technical assistance, and reporting and compliance services offered.

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