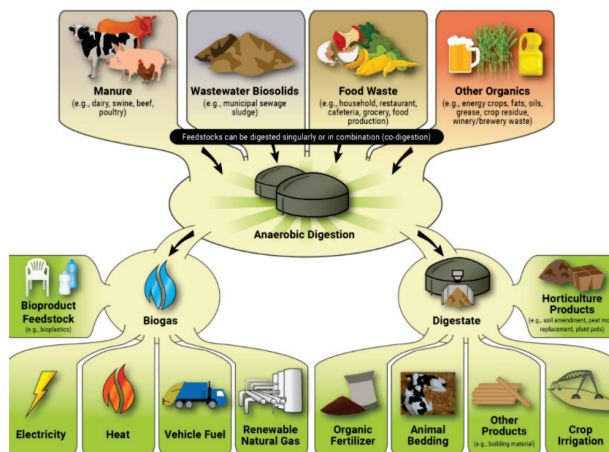


Why Do We Need Mandatory Organics Recycling?

An important part of California's efforts to protect the environment is to increase the diversion of organic materials away from landfills and toward the production of value-added products such as compost, fertilizers, and biofuels.



By using organics for compost, energy creation, and recovering edible food for hungry community members, we are helping to slow the impacts of climate change.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEGATIVELY IMPACTS CALIFORNIA

Landfilled Organic Waste Emits Methane Gas—
A Super Pollutant
More Powerful than CO₂

Methane Gas Contributes to Climate Change in California



CALIFORNIA is already experiencing the impacts of CLIMATE CHANGE

IN 2015 THE DROUGHT COST THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY AN ESTIMATED \$2.7 BILLION & 20,000 JOBS

CalRecycle

Have Questions?

Resource Recovery Staff are available to assist you in the following ways.

- Identify opportunities that ensure your business is in full compliance with these state-required mandates.
- Help you find compatible food recovery organizations.
- Provide employee training & signage
- Conduct a waste audit to ensure you have the appropriate level of service.

Call or Email Resource Recovery
(831) 420-5377

Organics@cityofsantacruz.com

More Information

City of Santa Cruz:
Resource Recovery

<https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/organics>

State Level: CalRecycle
Mandatory Recycling:

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial>

Mandatory Organics :

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/>

To sign-up for organics collection service:
Contact Customer Service at (831) 420-5220 or at scmu@cityofsantacruz.com.



**State Mandated
Recycling and
Organics Compliance
Guide For
Businesses**

RECYCLING LAWS

AB 341-Mandatory Commercial Recycling

Requires all commercial businesses and public entities that generate two cubic yards or more of waste per week to have a recycling collection program in place.



AB 1826- Mandatory Organics Recycling

requires businesses that generate two cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week (total for trash, recycling, and organics) a specified amount of organic waste per week to arrange for organic waste recycling services for that waste.



AB 827- Customer Access to Recycling

This bill Requires commercial waste and organics generators to provide customers access to a recycling bin or an organic waste recycling bin to collect materials purchased on the premises.

Keeping recyclable and compostable materials out of the garbage is an excellent first step toward cost savings and improved operational efficiency.

SB 1383- California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy

Goes into effect January 1, 2022, and builds on AB1826. It Requires every business and resident in California to separate and divert organics, including food scraps, from the landfill. The State's goal is to reduce organics disposal by 75% and recover and redirect 20% of edible food currently landfilled by 2025.

Next Steps for your business

- **Subscribe** to the organic waste collection service offered by the City. Resource Recovery Staff are available to assist you in determining the appropriate level of service.
- **Educate and Sort-** Businesses shall annually provide information to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about waste diversion requirements and about the proper sorting of waste. Businesses must prohibit their employees from placing organic waste and recyclables in the wrong bins.
- **Monitor Contamination-** Businesses are responsible for making sure that their organic waste and recycling is sorted properly by performing regular inspection of their recycling and organics bins for contamination, and reminding employees about proper sorting.

SB1383 requirements beginning January 1, 2022 for "Tier 1" Commercial Food Generators.

"Tier 1" Commercial Edible Food Generators" defined as supermarkets, grocery stores with 10,000+ square feet, food distributors or, wholesale food vendors

- **Recover and Redirect** the maximum amount of Edible Food to organizations that work to feed people. will need to work with Food Recovery Organizations to comply with the following:
- **Establish written agreements/contracts** with Food Recovery Establishments to record, report, and track recovered and redirected food.

"Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators" who do not fall into the Tier 1 definition will be required to comply with edible food recovery regulations on January 1, 2024.

For assistance with the above requirements or to find out if you are a Tier 1 or Tier 2 commercial food generator, please call Waste Reduction staff at 831-420-5991.

While the requirements of SB1383 are State mandated, the City is required to enforce compliance. Therefore, penalties for noncompliance may apply.