

# Business Requirements

## SB 1383: Organic Waste Regulations

**Senate Bill 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants** is a California-wide initiative targeting the reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, including methane, across various sectors. The legislation sets specific statewide goals to minimize organic waste in landfills and redirect edible food away from landfills to benefit those in need.

### Businesses are required to have organics collection through one of these options:

#### 1. Subscribe to Mill Valley Refuse Service recycling and organics collection

- a. Ensure each trash enclosure has sufficient carts for all recyclables and organics
- b. Include a cardboard recycling bin or designated area

#### 2. Self-haul recyclables and organic waste to a recycling or composting facility

- a. There are specific reporting requirements that must be followed, please contact the Climate Action Coordinator for details (information below)

### Businesses are also required to:

- Provide ample recycling and organic waste containers for employees, contractors, and tenants
- Position recycling and organic waste bins adjacent to customer trash bins
- Equip restrooms with organics bins for paper towel collection, if applicable
- Ensure bins comply with color codes (grey/black for landfill, [blue for recycling](#), [green for organics](#)) OR labeling specifications. See more at [millvalleyrefuse.com/resources/posters](http://millvalleyrefuse.com/resources/posters)
- Include in contracts with gardening or landscaping services a stipulation to keep yard trimmings out of landfill
- Annually educate all stakeholders on waste diversion requirements and proper sorting
- Prohibit employees from putting waste in incorrect bins and inspect for contamination
- Inform new tenants about waste sorting requirements within 14 days of occupying premises

**Have extra food?** If you have extra food that shouldn't go to waste, you can donate it to those in need. Contact the following organizations for more information:

**SF/Marin Food Bank:** Suitable for large volume donations. 415-282-1900 ext. 239

**Extra Food:** Suitable for smaller donations and prepared foods. 415-997-9830

### Why is this important?

Landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in California. Items placed in the trash are sent directly to the landfill and are not sorted out. Organics makes up half of what Californians send to landfill. Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills has a direct impact on the climate crisis.

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