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NOTIFICATION & ACTION REQUIRED

CALIFORNIA'S MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

SENATE BILL (SB) 1383 – SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

January 18, 2024

Dear Placentia Business or Property Owner/Manager:

You are receiving this notification because this Spring 2024, all Placentia businesses are required to implement an organics recycling program to be in compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – Short-Lived Climate Pollutants. It is likely that you have received AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Recycling noncompliance notifications in past years, as both mandates pertain to the diversion of organic materials.

What is SB 1383?

SB 1383 went into effect on January 1, 2022, with the goal of reducing methane emissions, and 75% of organic waste landfill disposal by 2025. Unlike AB 1826's tiered threshold approach, SB 1383 requires **all** businesses and residents to participate in an organic recycling program. It is the most aggressive waste reduction law to be adopted in California requires enforcement action on the part of cities, including the issuance of monetary penalties, towards entities not diverting organic materials from local landfills. While the City has not yet implemented SB 1383, it has adopted an SB 1383 ordinance. Recycling and organics services are available through Republic Services and therefore businesses are still required to implement such programs to be in compliance with state recycling mandates.

What is Organics?

Businesses will have to divert food waste, food-soiled paper, yard trimmings, paper products (e.g., cardboard, office paper, newspaper) and non-organic recyclables (e.g. metal cans, plastic bottles/jugs, glass jars/bottles) generated at the premises.

What are My Responsibilities to be in Compliance with SB 1383?

You are required to implement organics and recycling collection services, provided by the City's franchise waste hauler Republic Services. Food waste and food-soiled paper will go in the "organics" receptacle. Clean paper products and non-organic recyclables will go in the "recycle" receptacle. To implement services, please contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Annually provide information to all employees, contractors and tenants on waste diversion requirements and how to properly sort organics and recyclables. Flyers, posters and letter templates can be found on CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/PRToolkit/Examples/>.
- Prohibit employees from placing organics and recycling in the wrong bins.
- Specific to Property Owner/Manager: Provide tenants with waste & recycling information, including their requirements to sort, within fourteen (14) days of occupation on the premises.

Here are additional ways in which your business/property can divert organic materials:

Edible Food

Recover surplus edible food by donating to a local food bank. SB 1383 requires that by 2025, the State must recover at least 20% of edible food from the landfill and redirect resources to people for consumption, as a way of addressing food insecurity. To learn more about food donations, please visit Abound Food Care's website at <https://www.aboundfoodcare.org/> or call (657) 335-4480.

Food Scraps & Food-Soiled Paper

1. Recycle food scraps onsite through composting. Learn more about how to compost by visiting the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>. Documentation is required.
2. Backhaul organic materials to a centralized location for onsite processing or transfer to a different facility. Documentation is required with this method.

Green Waste

1. Contract with a landscaping company and require them to haul away green waste, keeping materials out of the trash container and landfill.
2. Self-haul green waste to a composting facility. Documentation such as weight tickets or receipts is required as proof of diversion.

Paper Products

1. Self-haul cardboard (and other recyclables) to a participating recycling facility. Documentation such as weight tickets or receipts is required as proof of diversion.

What if My Business/Property Generates Minimal Organics and/or Has Space Constraints?

Your business may qualify for a waiver if it:

- a) generates two (2) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste **and** less than twenty (20) gallons of organic waste per week, or;
- b) generates less than two (2) cubic yards of commercial solid waste **and** less than ten (10) gallons of organic waste per week, and/or;
- c) lacks sufficient space for an additional food waste collection container

Waivers will be available this Summer 2023. All waivers are subject to City and/or hauler's inspection.

Where Can I Find Additional Information?

For more information about and updates on SB 1383, please visit CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/> or the City's website at <https://www.placentia.org/924/SB-1383>.

Thank you for your attention to this notification. To report details about your business' waste generation and/or organics diversion efforts, request a waiver application, or to obtain further support with compliance, please contact the City's Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148. To access a digital copy of this letter, please visit the QR code provided below.

Sincerely,

City of Placentia

