

# SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

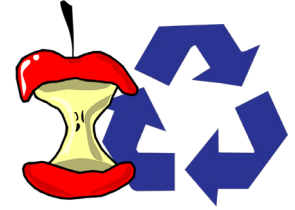
## Statewide Organic Waste Regulations

**Senate Bill 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants** is a statewide effort to reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, such as methane gas. SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills and direct edible food away from landfills to feed people in need.

### Why is important to sort waste?

**Sorting out recyclable and compostable waste is an easy way to combat climate change.**

- **Landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in California.** When buried in landfills, organic wastes emit 20% of the state's methane (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) and air pollutants like PM 2.5 (which contributes to health conditions like asthma).
- **50% of what Californians send to landfills is organic waste.** Items placed in the trash are sent directly to the landfill and are not sorted out—that's why it's so important to sort waste into the correct bin.
- **Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills has a direct impact on the climate crisis and can create healthier air for all of us to breathe.**



#### What is Organic Waste?

*The State defines organic waste as food, landscape trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products and other plant and animal-based products.*

### What do these regulations mean for businesses?

**The SB 1383 regulation requirements may mean significant changes to the way that nearly all California businesses manage their waste.** These regulations are purposefully specific and detailed. Please see the checklist on the enclosed flier to ensure that your business is compliant.



## Free Resources for Businesses

We understand that meeting waste diversion requirements will take time and resources. Assistance is available to help Davis businesses with compliance.

### Free waste audits

Recology Davis offers free waste audits to help Davis businesses ensure they are compliant with waste sorting laws. Contact Recology at 530-756-4646 or [RecologyDavis@Recology.com](mailto:RecologyDavis@Recology.com) to schedule a free waste audit.

### Free training materials

The City has created fliers and online videos in multiple languages that can be used by Davis businesses to meet the annual training and education obligations.

### Free supplies

The City offers a free one-time supply of a limited number of indoor recycling bins, organic waste bins and waste bin labels to Davis businesses while supplies last.



**Visit [DavisRecycling.org](http://DavisRecycling.org) and click on the link for "Business Programs" or scan the QR code below to request supplies and access free training materials.**



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# Requirements for Property Managers

While having access to recycling and organics recycling service has been required by State and local law for a number of years, new statewide regulations under SB 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants may require significant changes to the way that businesses and residents statewide manage their waste.

## Property managers/owners are required to either:

- **Subscribe to and participate in the City's recycling and organics collection service.** Properties in Davis that subscribe to trash collection service through Recology Davis receive unlimited recycling service at no additional cost (the cost is already included in trash service fees). Trash service also includes one organics cart. Additional carts are available for a fee. Depending on the amount of organic waste generated, properties may need additional organics carts or more frequent service.

OR

- **Self-haul recyclables and organic waste to a recycling center, composting facility, community composting program and/or other collection activity or program.** If this option is chosen, there are specific reporting requirements that must be followed. Please contact the Public Works Utilities and Operations Department for details (see the contact info on the bottom of the previous page).

## Property managers/owners are required to:

- **Provide recycling and organic waste collection services for employees, contractors and tenants.**
- **Supply and allow access to an adequate number, size and location of recycling and organic waste containers with the correct labels or container colors.**
  - Organics and recycling carts must be located in each trash enclosure. There must be a sufficient number to collect all recyclables and organics generated.
  - All waste enclosures must have a designated area for cardboard recycling.
  - Organics and recycling bins must be located next to all trash bins in offices and common areas. There must be a sufficient number and size to collect all recyclables and organics generated onsite. Restrooms in offices or common areas must have an organics bin to collect paper towels, if paper towels are present. All bins must meet either the color or labeling requirements:
    - Color requirements: Bins must be color-coded (**trash = gray or black, recycling = blue, organics = green**). Either the lid and/or the body of the container must be color-compliant. Existing bins do not need to be replaced until 2036, but all new bins purchased must be color-compliant.
    - Labeling requirements: Bins must be clearly labeled with what can and cannot go inside the bin.
- **Require that any contract or work agreement between your property and a gardening or landscaping service specify that the yard trimmings generated by those services be kept out of the trash/landfill.**
- **Annually educate employees, contractors and tenants on how to properly sort recyclables and organic waste into the correct bins.** *Fliers and online videos that can be provided to tenants to meet this requirement are posted online at [DavisRecycling.org](https://DavisRecycling.org)—click on the link for SB 1383.*
- **Provide information to new tenants about their requirements to sort waste properly within 14 days of occupation of the premises.** *Fliers and online videos that can be provided to tenants to meet this requirement are posted online at [DavisRecycling.org](https://DavisRecycling.org)—click on the link for SB 1383.*
- **Require that any contract or work agreement with a gardening or landscaping service specify that the yard trimmings generated by those services be kept out of the trash/landfill.**

## Tenants must properly sort their recyclables and organic wastes into the correct containers.

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