

CITY of CALABASAS

SENATE BILL 1383 ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION

Background

- In 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383, establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy.
- Approximately 34 percent of landfill space is comprised of organic waste. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 17-18 percent of total landfill disposal.

Background

- Methane emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills are a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions contributing to global climate change.
- The goal of SB 1383 is to:
 - Achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025
 - Recover at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

Requirements of SB 1383

- Develop and adopt an enforcement mechanism or ordinance by January 2022
- Provide organic waste collection to all residents and businesses
- Implement an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream
- Establish a procurement policy to purchase paper products made with recycled content and purchase recycled organic waste products
- Provide outreach and education for generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and municipal departments
- Maintain accurate compliance records
- Monitor compliance and conduct enforcement



Collection and Processing Requirements

- Provide organic waste collection services (including paper and cardboard collection) to all organic waste generators with exception to self-haulers.
- Conduct route reviews of randomly selected containers for contaminants with all routes inspected annually, or conduct waste evaluations twice a year for blue, green, and gray containers.
- Comply with container color requirements by January 1, 2036.

Edible Food Recovery Requirements

- Implement food recovery program that educates commercial edible food generators and increases access to food recovery programs.
- Identify Tier One and Tier Two commercial edible food generators.
- Maintain list of food recovery organizations/services.
- Provide Tier One/Tier Two commercial edible food generators with information on their requirements, food recovery programs, and food recovery organizations/services.

Procurement Requirements

- Procure a quantity of recovered organic waste, such as compost, mulch, renewable natural gas, or electricity from biomass, that meets or exceeds the annual organic waste product procurement target determined by CalRecycle.
- Purchase paper products, and printing and writing paper with at least 30% post-consumer, recycled-content fibers, that are recyclable.

Outreach and Education

Provide generators using two or three-container systems
with information on properly separating materials,
organic waste prevention, on-site recycling, methane
reduction benefits, how to recycle organic waste,
self-haul requirements, and edible food donations.



Enforcement

- Provide educational materials to regulated entities not in compliance in 2022 and 2023.
- Take enforcement actions, including issuing notices of violations and assessing penalties in amounts consistent with those specified in SB 1383 by January 1, 2024.

Senate Bill 619

 SB 619 was signed into law in October 2021, granting a oneyear extension before SB 1383 penalties kick in. This bill prohibits the state from penalizing cities "that make a reasonable effort to comply."