

COMPOSTING IS NOW REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW

Residents and businesses are required to compost organic materials on site or through their Mill Valley Refuse Service green compost cart.



Beginning January 2022, California's short lived climate pollutant law (SB 1383) requires that every home, apartment complex, and commercial business in California collect their food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste separately from all other waste. SB 1383 aims to lower emissions and combat climate change by keeping organic material out of landfill. The law calls on the state's 40 million people to reduce landfill methane emissions by achieving a 75% reduction in organic waste disposal by 2025 (compared to 2014 levels), and take action to make sure that at least 20% of currently disposed of edible food is redirected to Californians who don't have enough to eat. See reverse for details.

SB 1383 REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

- Collect food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste separately from all other waste. To find out how to properly sort material in your carts, visit www.millvalleyrefuse.com or follow the QR code below.
- Subscribe to — and participate in — a recycling and organic waste collection service or self-haul recycling and organic waste to a recycling or composting facility. We've made this easy for you! Compost collection service is part of your normal garbage service package with Mill Valley Refuse Service.



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES & MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS

- Provide collection containers for recycling and organic material to customers, tenants, and employees. We offer free printable posters to label your collection containers on our website.
- Provide yearly education to employees and customers on proper sorting of recyclables and organic materials.
- Certain commercial food generators must recover edible food. See reverse for details.

Questions about how to utilize your compost collection service correctly? Call our office at 415-457-9760 Mon-Fri from 7:00am to 3:00pm or visit www.millvalleyrefuse.com. Encuentre esta información en español en línea www.millvalleyrefuse.com/espanol.



WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN COMPOST CART

ALL
FOOD WASTE
BELONGS IN
COMPOST!



FOOD SCRAPS



FOOD-SOILED PAPER



PLANT TRIMMINGS



NO DIRT
OR ROCK



NO COMPOSTABLE
OR PLASTIC BAGS



NO COMPOSTABLE
PLASTICS



NO DIAPERS
NO PET/HUMAN WASTE

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CERTAIN BUSINESSES NOW REQUIRED TO RECOVER EDIBLE FOOD



Feeding hungry people through food recovery is the best use for surplus food and a vital way for California to conserve resources and reduce organic waste thrown in landfills. Currently, this portion of SB 1383 requirements applies only to tier one commercial food generators defined as:

- Supermarkets
- Grocery Stores (with a total facility size greater than 10,000 sq. ft.)
- Food Service Providers
- Wholesale Food Vendors
- Food Distributors

TIER ONE COMMERCIAL FOOD GENERATOR EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS

- Prevent organic waste generation by not intentionally spoiling edible food, giving away excess food to employees or customers, sending food to a community composting center, etc.
- Arrange to recover the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be landfilled.
- Enter into a contract or written agreement with a food recovery organization or service.
- Maintain records related to these edible food recovery activities.

For information about edible food recovery organizations in Marin, visit your city's website or ZeroWasteMarin.org.



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HOW CALIFORNIA'S NEW COMPOSTING LAW IMPACTS YOU

WHY COMPOST? TO REDUCE METHANE EMISSIONS

When organic waste is sent to landfill, it decomposes anaerobically (without oxygen) which creates methane a short-lived climate pollutant and one of the most potent greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere. Methane is a major contributor to climate change.

The new super pollutant reduction strategy rules for organics recycling and edible food recovery set in SB 1383 are part of California's bold effort to fast track climate progress by reducing landfill methane emissions.

Diverting organic waste to recycling is an integral part of the state's climate change program and can significantly reduce local air quality emissions and the impacts of climate change in our life time.

Learn more about SB 1383 on CalRecycle's website:
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp

