

# SB 1383 - Preparing for New Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection Regulation



## What is the new law?

The California State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) which requires cities and counties to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025. Beginning January 1, 2022, all California residents, businesses, and multifamily complexes will be required to separate food waste and yard waste from their trash and recycle in a separate organics cart.



SB 1383 Goal: Reduce organic materials going to the landfill, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and slow climate change.

## What should I expect?

1. In the near future, you may be directed to recycle food scraps with your yard trimmings in your existing green waste container.
2. Continue to Recycle Right - see the Guide below.
3. Check the Lid for instructions on how to use the carts correctly and avoid contamination.
4. **Sign up for a My WM profile** to manage your account and receive important information and tips about your services.

### What Goes in the Organics Cart:



FOOD WASTE & FOOD SOILED PAPER



YARD WASTE



#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS
- NO SERVEWARE
- NO PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- NO FOAM CONTAINERS
- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - **don't bag your organics materials.**

### What Goes in the Recycling Cart:



PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS



GLASS BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS



PAPER



FLATTENED CARDBOARD & PAPERBOARD



#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS
- NO FOAM CONTAINERS
- NO CLOTHING, FURNITURE, CARPET
- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart - **don't bag your recyclables.**

### What Goes in the Trash Cart:



GARDEN HOSE



BROKEN CERAMIC DISHES & POTS



CANDY, SNACK & FOOD WRAPPERS



CHIP BAGS



DIAPERS



FOAM CONTAINERS



#### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE
- NO ELECTRONICS
- NO BATTERIES, TIRES OR PAINT
- NO FLAMMABLE MATERIAL

## Will my containers change?

SB 1383 requires that carts be uniform colors across the state by 2036. Eventually carts will have dark grey bodies with different colored lids – a green lid for organics, blue lid for recycling and black lid for trash.

We will make these cart changes gradually to minimize disruption and control costs in your community. When it comes time to replace carts, watch for the new color scheme. Make sure you 'Check the Lid' for instructions on to use the carts correctly and avoid contamination.



## What is contamination?

Contamination occurs when you place non-acceptable items in the wrong cart. Contaminants can ruin an entire load of organics or recyclables and prevent these materials from going on to have a second life.

Loose plastic bags and bagged materials in organics and recycling containers are the most common contaminants. Please empty your organics and recyclable materials directly into your organics or recycling carts to give them the best chance of becoming new products.

### ✔ ALWAYS COMPOST IN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CART:



FOOD WASTE AND FOOD SOILED PAPER



YARD WASTE

### ✘ DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS



NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS



NO SERVEWARE



NO PLASTIC CONTAINERS



NO FOAM CONTAINERS



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE



NO BAGGED MATERIALS

## How will I know if I'm using my carts correctly?

SB 1383 requires that carts be monitored for contamination and that an education and enforcement program be in place to help residents recycle properly. We will use our WM Smart Truck<sup>SM</sup> technology to help your community comply with this part of the law.

## What is WM Smart Truck<sup>SM</sup> technology?

WM trucks are fitted with cameras to capture footage of your carts as they are emptied. Beginning in January 2022, you may receive a notice if contamination is identified in your recycling or organics cart, or if any of your carts are overfilled and the lid does not close. If contamination or overages become excessive, fees may apply.

## Where can I learn more?

- Create a My WM profile online to put you in control of your WM account. Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/user/register> to create your profile today.
- For more information about the law, visit California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) website at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/).
- For updates and further information on how to Recycle Right, visit [wm.com/recycleright](http://wm.com/recycleright)
- For information on composting, visit <https://www.lacompost.org/>

