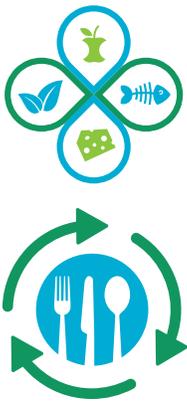




New Organic Waste Recycling Information



WHAT: California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) is a law that requires every business and resident to recycle their organic waste. It also seeks to recover good, edible food and reroute it to those in need instead of being disposed unused.

- ▶ *What is organic waste?* Organic waste includes green waste and food waste, such as meat, bones, dairy, fruit and vegetable scraps, food-soiled paper such as napkins and paper towels, and yard clippings.
- ▶ *How can organic waste be recycled?* Organic waste can be recycled into compost, which is a nutrient-filled soil amendment. Organic waste can also be processed into renewable natural gas, which can then be turned into electricity or heat.
- ▶ *Do you have extra food?* If you are a business or resident with surplus edible food, you can donate it instead of letting it go to waste. Visit cityofirvine.org/SB1383 for a list of local food recovery organizations that accept donated food.



WHY: When organic matter is sent to landfill, it decomposes without oxygen, creating methane. Methane is a gas that is 84 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. By recycling our organic waste, we can:

- ▶ Combat climate change.
- ▶ Add nutritious compost to our agriculture.
- ▶ Create renewable natural gas.
- ▶ Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.



WHO: Irvine residents will be required to participate in an organic waste collection service by mid-2022. Certain businesses may be eligible for a waiver if they meet State requirements. Requirements and waivers can be found at cityofirvine.org/SB1383waiver.

WHEN: SB 1383 went into effect January 1, 2022. Be on the lookout for information from your waste hauler or property management. Once you have received notice from them, you can participate in the organic waste collection service. Not every resident will start to receive service at the same time.



HOW: For information on how residential locations should recycle organic waste, call Waste Management at 949-642-1191. Businesses can email environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org or contact their own waste hauler directly if they have questions about compliance with this State law.

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