

# Organic Waste Recycling is Now the Law!

**WHAT:** Senate Bill 1383 is a state law that requires every business and resident to recycle their organic waste. For some businesses, this also means donating surplus edible food to local organizations.



## What is organic waste?

- Food scraps such as meat, bones, dairy, fruit, and vegetable scraps.
- Food-soiled paper such as napkins, paper towels, and uncoated cardboard.
- Yard clippings, small branches, grass trimmings, and leaves.



## Do you have extra food?

- Certain businesses with a regular surplus of edible food must donate it.
- Residents can also donate.
- Visit [cityofirvine.org/SB1383](http://cityofirvine.org/SB1383) for a list of local food recovery organizations.



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**WHY:** Rotting food in landfills produces methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. By recycling 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:** All Irvine businesses and residents.

- Certain businesses may be eligible for a waiver if they meet state requirements.
- Requirements and waivers can be found at [cityofirvine.org/SB1383waiver](http://cityofirvine.org/SB1383waiver)

**HOW:** Be on the lookout for information from your waste hauler or property management.

- For information on how residential locations should recycle organic waste, call Waste Management at **949-642-1191**.
- Organic waste should be placed in an organic waste or food waste collection cart. Do not contaminate the regular blue recycling cart.
- Businesses can email [environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org](mailto:environmentalprograms@cityofirvine.org) or contact their own waste hauler directly if they have questions about compliance with this law.

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