

Mandatory 3-Container Trash and Recycling Service

To: Current Business or Non-Residential Organization

State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), a state law, requires that all businesses have 3-container trash and recycling services at their location. This means, a trash container, blue recycling container for traditional recyclables, and green recycling container for organic waste like food, food soiled papers and cardboard, and yard waste. As required by SB 1383, County Ordinance G-9091 was adopted in 2022 to include the mandatory services in Kern County's municipal code for unincorporated areas of Kern County. Commercial rates for this service were set by the Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2023 and began July 1, 2023.

Your local trash hauler will be contacting you on the County's behalf to arrange for your new collection services, providing all three containers, as well as recycling guidance. You can work with your haulers to determine which size containers work best for your business or organization.

Limited options are available for businesses to receive a waiver from SB 1383. For more information, visit our SB 1383 website at www.KernPublicWorks.com/Organics and follow the links to our Waiver Applications page. It should be noted that there are self-haul options; however, SB 1383 requires that non-residential entities obtain permission from its local jurisdiction and follow certain guidelines. For more information on that program, please contact organics@kerncounty.com and staff will send self-haul informational flyers and answer additional questions.

Penalties begin January 1, 2024. As required by State Senate Bill 1383, Section 18995.4(a), jurisdictions must take actions of enforcement, escalating from a Notice of Violation to imposed penalties, beginning in 2024. This is reinforced by Kern County Ordinance G-9091, Section 8.28.111.

These changes are occurring statewide and are part of the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, divert recyclable material away from landfills, and convert recyclable material into new products. Key to making that difference is to make sure we recycle right. That means, not only recycling, but also not putting items in the wrong bins. Per regulations, periodic checks will be performed, and tags will be left on bins letting you know if there is contamination. Please understand that this required check is to ensure that there is no trash being added down the line in recycling and composting facilities. Glass and plastic in compost can be dangerous to end users. Help us prevent that from happening. Together we can all make a change for the better!

Recycling Guide – Organic Waste



Acceptable Materials:

- ✓ Grass Clippings
- ✓ Shrubs
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Tree Trimmings
- ✓ Food Scraps
- ✓ Food Soiled Paper

Unacceptable Items:

- ✓ No Pet Waste
- ✓ No Glass, Aluminum or Plastic
- ✓ No Dirt and Rocks
- ✓ No Wax Lined Food Containers
- ✓ No Hazardous Waste



Acceptable Materials:

- ✓ Cardboard & Paper
- ✓ Aluminum Cans
- ✓ Glass Bottles
- ✓ Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- ✓ Tin Cans

Unacceptable Items:

- ✓ No Diapers
- ✓ No Liquids
- ✓ No Textiles or Carpet
- ✓ **No Chemicals, Batteries, or Other Hazardous Materials**
- ✓ No Sharps (i.e., needles, broken glass)



Acceptable Materials:

- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Kitty Litter/Pet Wastes
- ✓ Toothpaste Tubes
- ✓ Plastic Bags
- ✓ Styrofoam

Unacceptable Items:

- ✓ **No Chemicals, Batteries, or Other Hazardous Materials**
- ✓ No Motor Oil
- ✓ Paint or Paint Remover
- ✓ No Organic Waste
- ✓ No Liquids
- ✓ No Recyclable Items