

## Organic Waste Generator Requirements

State Senate Bill 1383 requires all organic waste generators to recycle the maximum amount of organic waste. This includes, but is not limited to, food, grass, leaves, branches, cardboard, and other paper products. To facilitate recycling for non-residential entities, SB 1383 outlines the following requirements:

Businesses are required to either:

- Subscribe to and participate in their jurisdiction's organics curbside collection service; or
- Self-haul organic waste to a specified composting facility, community composting program, or other collection activity or program.
  - Businesses must provide collection containers for organic waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except in restrooms.
    - However, if a business does not generate any of the materials that would be collected in a specific container, then it does not have to provide that particular container.
    - Internal containers must conform to the proper color requirements or labeling requirements.
    - If a business chooses to use containers that are the correct color, internal containers do not need to be replaced until they are no longer functional or until January 1, 2036, whichever comes first.
    - To reduce contamination, businesses must provide education to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers regarding how to properly sort organic material into the correct containers.
  - Businesses must periodically:
    - Inspect organic waste containers for contamination
    - Inform employees if containers are contaminated
    - Instruct employees about how to properly sort material into the correct containers.
    - Businesses must provide organic waste collection services for:
      - Employees, Tenants, Contractors, and Customers
  - They must supply and allow access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with the correct labels or container colors.
  - They must also:
    - Annually educate employees, contractors, customers, and tenants on how to properly sort organic waste into the correct bins, and
    - Provide information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
  - Employees, contractors, tenants, and customers must properly sort organic materials into the correct containers at business establishments.

For additional non-residential organic waste requirements please visit CalRecycle's Statewide Organic Waste Collection webpage at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection). Kern County Public Works is here to assist with implementation of SB 1383 and to answer your questions about organics recycling. Please contact Public Works at [organics@kerncounty.com](mailto:organics@kerncounty.com) or visit our website at <https://kernpublicworks.com>.