



# 2024 Organics Recycling - What You Need to Know

On January 1, 2024, enforcement of organics recycling begins for everyone as part of California law, SB 1383, to encourage recycling of food and green waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Residents and businesses may begin seeing information from local waste haulers or cities on requirements in your area. Here are tips to help answer common questions.

## What is organic waste?

Organic waste now includes food such as meat, fish, dairy, fruits, vegetables, bread and other food scraps, in addition to green waste, grass clippings and leaves. These items are now recycled, rather than buried as waste.



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## Tips for Residents

- Take action now**  
All unincorporated areas and most cities in OC have already rolled out organics recycling. Your jurisdiction may provide a new organics bin or instructions for using your existing green waste bin. Contact your waste hauler or city for details.
- Place organic waste in designated organics bin**  
Food and other organic waste must be placed in your designated organic waste bin, enforceable by your jurisdiction. If contamination is found it could result in educational material on proper sorting, notices of violations, fines or other actions. If you live in an apartment or other multifamily complex, check with your property management for details.
- Know what goes where**  
Check with your waste hauler or property management about what can or cannot be placed in the organics bin. Compostable bags, utensils or other items may hinder the recycling process.

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## Tips for Commercial

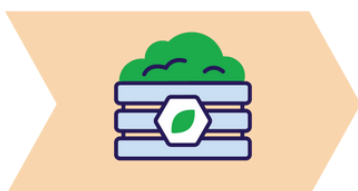
- Set up organics recycling service**  
All businesses and multifamily units should be subscribed to an organics recycling service. Please contact your local waste hauler for details. Scan the QR code for information.
- Donate edible food**  
Businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants and food service providers with 5,000 square feet or 250+ seats must have a written agreement in place with an edible food recovery organization for donations. Scan the QR code for more information.
- Check local ordinances for enforcement**  
Businesses may be inspected for proper organics recycling, issued a notice of violation from their jurisdiction or be subject to fines or other actions. Contact your local hauler or city for details.

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