



Receive and File Update on Solid Waste Collection Agreements and Senate Bill 1383 Organics Recycling

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Collection Agreements



- New Solid Waste Collection Agreements effective January 12, 2024
- Residents average \$20.95 monthly savings from the prior agreements
- 20% discount for qualifying residents (account holder 623 and enrolled in CARE program)
- One month discount for customers who pre-pay their bill on an annual basis
- 56 participants in the new door-to-door household hazardous waste collection service
- Results of the Resident Customer Satisfaction Survey, 86% rate their overall satisfaction with their hauler as a 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5

SB 1383: New State Law effective Jan 1, 2022

To reduce methane emissions from short-lived climate pollutants, SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) was signed into law to:

- Reduce organic waste disposal 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025*
- Rescue *at least* 20% of viable, landfill-bound food for human consumption by 2025*

(*Statewide Goals)



SB 1383 Requirements

- Trash, Recycling and Organics Waste Collection
- Food Recovery
- Education and Outreach
- Capacity Planning
- Procurement of Recycled Organic Products
- Enforcement
- Reporting and Recordkeeping



SB 1383 Trash, Recycling & Organic Waste Collection



- Organic collection service and SB 1383 requirements are included in residential and commercial hauler agreements
- All residential customers have been provided with an organic recycling collection container to meet SB 1383 requirements
- Commercial customers have been notified of their three options (obtain a collection bin, request a waiver or registration as a self-hauler)
 - Commercial Generators with Waivers: 1,750
 - Commercial Generators registered as self-haul: 67

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Program

PWA established a regional food recovery program with the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley and Ventura

- Contracting with Abound Food Care who is interacting with businesses to confirm they are participating in food donation
- Abound Food Care and PWA is providing business assistance with implementing a compliant food donation program



SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Program

- Identified 149 Tier 1 County-wide Generators (large food distributors, larger grocery stores and supermarkets)
- Identified 234 Tier 2 County-wide Generators (large restaurants, hotels, schools, large events and hospitals)
- Identified 69 Food Recovery Organizations
- In 2024, 4.4 million pounds of edible food diverted from landfill from Tier 1 and Tier 2 County-wide Generators



SB 1383 Education and Outreach



- Created educational webinar for commercial generators (19 in attendance at initial webinar, 76 subsequent views on YouTube)
- Residents are receiving quarterly updates from haulers
- Created WASTE-FREEVC.org website (223 unique visits since launch in August 2024)
- In person outreach to generators by Abound Food Care
- Offering free organics containers to businesses and residents
- In person public outreach events
- Edible Food Recovery Summit on October 10 with generators, food banks, and cities

SB 1383 Capacity Planning



- Regionally we have identified there is a gap between what is needed and the existing available resources for edible food recovery
- Partnering on a 10-year strategy with Waste Free VC regional group to fill the edible food recovery gap
- Identified the County has sufficient capacity to manage organic waste
- Organic waste processing locations in Ventura County:
 - Peach Hill Soils - Unincorporated Area Moorpark
 - Agromin - Unincorporated Area Ormond Beach
 - Agromin at Limonera - Unincorporated Area Santa Paula
 - Agromin at Simi Valley Landfill - Unincorporated Area Simi Valley
 - C&M Topsoil - Unincorporated Area Simi Valley
 - Ojai Valley Sanitary District

SB 1383 Procure Recycled Organic Products

- PWA is meeting the procurement requirement by procuring and delivering compost and mulch
- Compost and mulch has been provided to residents, businesses, schools and County agencies including GSA for landscaping and the Agency on Area Aging for the Senior Nutrition Farm
- 816 tons (1.63 million pounds) of compost and much has been provided



SB 1383 Inspection and Enforcement

- All resident customers are subscribed to SB 1383 compliant three stream collection containers (trash/recycling/organics)
- 1536 Commercial Accounts - 63 non-compliant with SB 1383
- PWA staff are working with haulers to bring customers into compliance, prior to issuing a Notice of Violation
- Haulers are checking for trash in recycling containers and tagging containers as needed



SB 1383 Reporting and Record Keeping

- Purchased software to track generator compliance
- Created a SharePoint data portal to track SB 1383 implementation plan and to organize documents needed for audit
- State will audit every jurisdiction on a four-year cycle (estimated visit for Ventura County is within next 12 months)





Questions?