

# Update on Trash, Recycling, and Organics Collection Changes

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## Why the Change?



- New regulations in effect 1/1/2022 (SB1383)
  - Reduce organic waste disposal
  - Improve statewide recycling rates
  - Increase edible food recovery to serve the food insecure
- City Ordinance 21-2121 outlines requirements for residential and commercial waste generators

## What is Changing?



- Food scraps and food-soiled paper are moving from the trash can to the organics can
  - Green containers will accept most organics (see list for exceptions)
- Expanded recycling opportunities
- Mandatory services for all accounts in the City (some exceptions)

#### Residential Services



- Mandatory services start 4/1/22
  - Blue recycling
    - No change to list of recyclables
    - If no blue cart, will be delivered late March
  - Green mixed organics
    - Food scraps and food-soiled paper move from trash to green cart
    - If no green cart, will be delivered late March
  - Trash
    - Nothing organic or recyclable allowed

## Multifamily/Commercial Services



- Mandatory services start 4/1/22
  - Blue recycling
    - No change to list of recyclables
    - If no blue cart, will be delivered late March
  - Green mixed organics
    - Multifamily must now recycle mixed organics
    - Food scraps and food-soiled paper move from trash to green cart
    - If no green cart, will be delivered late March
  - Trash
    - Nothing organic or recyclable allowed



Organic waste is never co-mingled with non-organic waste \*exception for paper and cardboard in blue container



## Let's Talk about Bags



- Clear Bags in Green Cart
- Sources
  - Bread bags
  - Produce bags
  - Twist-tie storage bags
  - Clear trash bags
  - Biodegradable bags

#### Outreach



- City and WR Collaboration
  - Social Media and Websites
  - Flyers
  - Mailers
  - City Marquees
  - Invoice Notes and Bill Inserts
  - Walking Man
  - Council Meeting Presentations

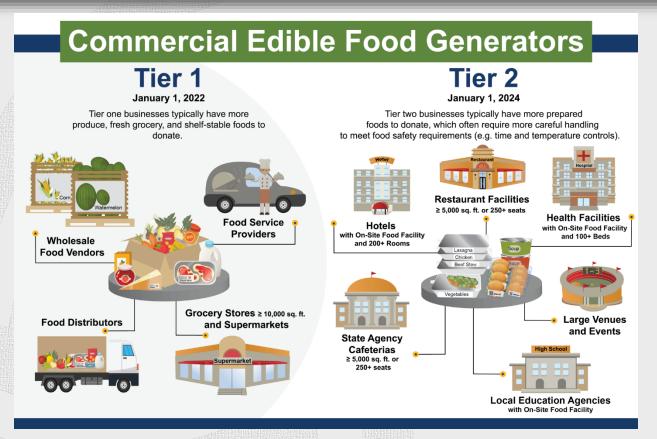
#### Other Provisions



- Construction and landscaping requirements and conformance with CALGreen and MWELO
- If an establishment sells food for consumption onsite, must provide recycling and organics containers in front of house to match services in back of house
- calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection



## Let's Talk About Food Recovery



- Must Do (and provide reports to City)
  - Contract with food recovery organizations; or
  - Self-haul edible food to a food recovery organization



## Questions?

wasteresources.com/sb1383/



#### Additional Info 1



- What Goes in the Mixed Organics Container?
  - Find Label on Website
    - wasteresources.com/publications/
  - Detailed List on Website
    - wasteresources.com/sb1383/
  - Butcher shops, grocery stores, and restaurants
    CANNOT use this program for raw/unprocessed meats
    - Must use existing vendor





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#### Additional Info 2



- What Goes in the Recycling Container?
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#### Additional Info 3



- What If I Don't Want to Recycle?
  - State law mandates compliance with dry and organics recycling for most accounts
  - City's Franchise requires us to provide the service
  - Customer will need to seek an exemption from the
    City directly
  - Allowable exemptions include lack of space, minimal amount of recyclable or organic material generated, or self-hauls material to a recycling center