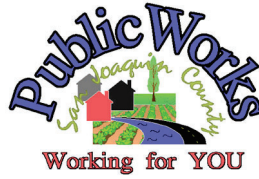




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**NOTICE TO BUSINESS: Commercial Waste Collection System Mandates (SB 1383)**

Dear San Joaquin County Business:

This letter is to inform you of major changes to business waste collection systems in the County. Starting in 2022, all businesses within California must comply with new recycling and diversion rules mandated by Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). Businesses are required to separate recyclables and organics from trash, and sort materials for recycling and diversion from the landfill according to SB 1383 mandates.

**SB 1383 Mandates** - SB 1383 requires jurisdictions in California to recycle organic waste, including paper, cardboard, yard materials, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. The goal of this legislation is to divert 75% of organic materials from reaching the landfill by 2025 through recycling, composting and other methods. Every person and business operating in California is affected. All businesses must conform to prescribed waste collection systems requiring recycling and the diversion of organic waste from reaching the landfill. Compliance may be obtained through subscribing to compliant waste collection services (hiring a licensed collector) or a compliant self-haul system that utilizes the business' own labor, equipment, and transportation.



**Edible Food Recovery** - Applicable food chain businesses must also divert edible food from the waste stream and instead deliver these items to local organizations such as food banks to distribute for human consumption. The County's Environmental Health Department oversees and enforces this component of the mandate.

**How can businesses comply?** – If the business subscribes to a waste collection service, contact the waste collector to make sure that the businesses' waste collection system complies with current state mandates. If the business self-hauls waste materials using its own equipment and labor, it must be done in a manner that complies with SB 1383. Self-hauling businesses are required to register with the County and keep receipts of all waste loads including information such as type of material being disposed, load weight and the final delivery destination. In the coming months, County and local



jurisdictions will be auditing businesses for compliance and violators may face penalties. Additional information may be found at [www.SJCreecycle.org](http://www.SJCreecycle.org).

**Waivers** - Under certain uncommon circumstances, a business may be eligible for an organics collection waiver. Upon approval of such a waiver by the County, a business would not be required to subscribe to a collection service that includes organics collection, although other collection service requirements such as mixed recycling would still apply. The application process for this waiver and additional information may be found at [www.SJCreecycle.org](http://www.SJCreecycle.org).

### **SB 1383 Background**

Organic waste accounts for a significant portion of California's waste stream. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, if left to decompose in landfills, organic wastes release methane, a gas that traps the sun's heat, warms the atmosphere and contributes to global warming. Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the State's methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Organic waste, such as food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard, make up more than half of the waste stream that Californians send to the landfill. To address this issue, California enacted Senate Bill 1383 (2016) into law to reduce gaseous emissions from landfills, including methane. In accordance with this law, jurisdictions throughout California must meet new lower limits through organic waste reduction, recycling, composting and other methods.



The State is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve human health, and create clean jobs that support local economies. Implementing SB 1383 will reduce short-lived, harmful, super pollutants that create significant warming impacts, and is essential to achieving California's climate goals.

There will be an increase in cost associated with providing the services mandated by SB 1383. For questions regarding your current collection service, or to modify your collection system to comply with state mandates, contact your service provider. For additional information on SB 1383 requirements, please visit [www.SJCreecycle.org](http://www.SJCreecycle.org) or contact Jeff Valenti at 209.468.3066. State information from CalRecycle may be found at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/collection/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/collection/).

Thank you,

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