

Changes to your Waste Services Coming Soon

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy is the most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in California in the last 30 years. SB 1383 requires the state to reduce organic waste going to the landfill, such as food waste, green waste, wood waste, and paper products. When organic materials breakdown in the landfill, methane gas is produced. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas and contributes directly to climate change. This statewide effort aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organics materials and recyclables to composting and recycling processing operations.

Effective January 1, 2022, SB 1383, requires all businesses, residents, and multifamily properties, to separate organic materials and recyclables from the waste stream. To achieve the targets of SB 1383, jurisdictions must provide mandatory curbside organics collection services to all residents, businesses and multifamily properties. Additionally, jurisdictions are required to provide outreach to all affected parties, inspect containers for the presence of contamination, monitor compliance and report to CalRecycle.

To become compliant with the requirements of SB 1383, San Joaquin County and Delta Disposal Service will implement a color compliant 3 Container System. Standard residential service will consist of a **Gray Waste Container**, a **Green Organics Container** and a **Blue Recycling Container**. Additional information regarding Program Start Date, Container Deliveries, Service Options and Rates will be forthcoming.



In preparation for the new program, Delta Disposal Service has begun adjusting routes to ensure a smooth transition from single container service to an SB 1383 compliant 3 Container System.

Adjustments may include:

- **Change in Collection Vehicle and/or Driver**
- **Waste containers may be serviced earlier or later in the day. *Note, if your container is not serviced by 3:00 pm on collection day, please contact our office 209-835-0601.**

At this time there will be no change to your waste collection day. This is subject to change and customers will be notified in advance of any changes to the collection day schedule.

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Q: Can I continue using the Blue Bag Recycling Program?

A: The Blue Bag Recycling Program will continue until the Blue Recycling Containers are delivered. Once you receive a Blue Recycling Container, you can immediately begin participating in the new program. Remaining blue bags may be used in the waste container until used up however, all plastic bags, including blue bags will be prohibited from the new Blue Recycling Container. Placing recyclables loosely in the Blue Recycling Container ensures containers are fully emptied by automated collection vehicles, permits visual inspection of materials and allows for efficient processing of recyclables across a sort line.

Q: With organics collection and recycling, what will go into my Waste container?

A: Only items that cannot be placed in the Recycling container or items that are not accepted in the Organics container should be put in the Waste container. Common items include, but are not limited to plastic bags, diapers, paper milk and juice cartons, pet waste, Styrofoam, etc. If you are unsure which cart an item should be disposed in, visit the Waste Wizard on our website or mobile app. www.tdswm.com

Q: Why are we moving food scraps and green waste to an Organics Container?

A: The State passed Senate Bill (SB) 1383 California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy with a goal of reducing methane gas emissions by 75% of 2014 levels. Organic materials such as food scraps, landscape trimmings, paper and cardboard account for 20% of the state's methane emissions and half of what is disposed of in landfills. SB 1383 requires all jurisdictions to provide mandatory organics and recycling collection services.

Q: What if I already compost my food waste and/or generate little to no food waste?

A: You can continue to compost food waste in your home or on your property. The new program accepts organics that are not recommended for backyard composting, such as larger branches and certain food wastes that can attract pests. While these are not recommended for backyard composting, they can be processed for composting at Tracy Material Recovery and Solid Waste Transfer. Unfortunately, SB 1383 does not allow residential exemptions; it requires jurisdictions to provide organics collection services regardless of composting activities or how much organic waste is generated.

Q: What happens to the organic waste after it's collected?

A: Organic waste is transported to Tracy Material Recovery where it is processed into compost material, then sold to farmers, gardeners, landscapers, and the public.

Q: What happens to the recyclables after collection?

A: Recycling is transported to Tracy Material Recovery where it is dumped and processed by a combination of manual and automated sorting. Recyclable materials are separated by commodity type and prepared for sale to a broker or end-user. Recyclable materials will then be processed by a secondary processor and made into new products.

Q: Where can I learn more about SB 1383?

A: For more information, visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>