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COMMERCIAL

REMINDER: CHANGE IS HERE!

Here's what you need to know about SB 1383 - Organic Waste Reduction Bill:



In September 2016, former Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) establishing a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP).

SB 1383 applies to all businesses in California. If you own a business or apartment/condo complex (of five units or more), beginning January 1, 2022 you are required to:

- ✓ **Divert organic waste** from the landfill by subscribing to and participating in the organics collection service via Recology Vacaville Solano, **or** arrange for organic waste to be composted or otherwise legally managed on-site.

- ✓ **Provide collection containers** for organic waste and recyclable materials to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers, including providing indoor containers for organic waste and recyclables in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers, except in restrooms (multi-family dwellings are exempt). Containers must meet standardized color requirements: Gray or black for garbage, blue for recycling, and green for organics. Additionally, containers must have labels with graphic images to indicate acceptable and unacceptable materials. The City of Vacaville and Recology Vacaville Solano may be able to provide these labels at no additional cost.

- ✓ **Annually provide employees and apartment/condo residents with educational information** about the legal requirements to compost and recycle including how to properly sort between the three waste streams.

To learn more, visit
www.vacavillerecycling.com



**BIN
LABELS &
SORTING
POSTERS**

TOOLS AND RESOURCES - WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Bin labels and sorting posters are available to commercial customers at no cost. All materials available in **English, Spanish, and now Tagalog**. To request your posters and sorting labels, contact the City of Vacaville Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507 or email recycling@cityofvacaville.com.

RECYCLING TIPS: BLUE CART BASICS

- ✓ **DO** rinse recyclable containers clean.
- ✓ **DO** breakdown and fold large cardboard boxes.
- ✓ **DO** skip the plastic bags. Place your recyclables directly in your blue cart.
- ✓ **DO** buy materials made from post-consumer recycled materials—you'll help create markets for your recyclables!
- ✓ **DO** reduce and reuse first! Less waste is always best.
- ✗ **DON'T** place plastic bags in your blue cart, including trash bags, shopping bags, and produce bags.
- ✗ **DON'T** place food-soiled materials in your blue cart – only empty, clean, and dry items.
- ✗ **DON'T** place anything smaller than a business card in your blue cart.
- ✗ **DON'T** guess. If you aren't sure if something is recyclable, visit www.WhatBin.com to find out.

FOCUS ON THE FIVE:

- 1 Paper
- 2 Flattened Cardboard
- 3 Plastic Bottles & Containers (#'s 1-7)
- 4 Metal Food & Beverage Cans
- 5 Glass Bottles & Jars



BIG BENEFITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES COMPLIMENTARY WASTE ASSESSMENTS

What is a Waste Assessment?

A waste assessment is a simple assessment of the type and quantities of waste that a business generates. It can help you determine which materials can be recycled, how many collection containers will be necessary, and how frequently they should be serviced.

Why Do a Waste Assessment?

Not all businesses are the same. The amount of waste and recyclables produced is impacted by variables that differ from one business to the next. You need to examine your own waste stream before adopting new recycling programs to assure a good fit with your business. Most importantly, a waste assessment can help identify opportunities to save money on your service bill by right-sizing your service.

What to Expect During a Waste Assessment:

The specific elements of your waste assessment will depend on the type of business or residential property you have. A typical waste assessment will include:

- A site visit to discuss sustainability goals and identify potential space requirements or restraints;
- An audit of your waste stream to suggest bin sizing and reduce costs;
- Customized service options and equipment recommendations; and
- Educational materials and training – all at no additional cost.

Requesting a Waste Assessment:

Representatives from Recology Vacaville Solano and the City of Vacaville are available to help you. To schedule a **FREE** waste assessment, simply call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945, or the City of Vacaville's Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507.