

# State Laws for Businesses

**CA State Law SB 1383 and RecycleSmart's Organics Reduction Ordinance (21-1)** Composting organics is now the law in California! Organic material accounts for more than half of California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to climate change. Every business must separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper and landscape trimmings, for composting.

## All businesses are required to:

- Annually educate employees on how to separate organics for composting, and how to properly sort all materials (organics, recycling and landfill).
- Place recycling and organics containers in all areas where landfill containers are present (except restrooms), with proper signage.
- Certain food-generating businesses are required to donate the maximum amount of excess edible food to feed people. Visit [RecycleSmart.org/FoodGenerators](https://recyclesmart.org/FoodGenerators).
- If you self/back haul your recycling and/or organics, your business is required to maintain records. Visit [RecycleSmart.org/Recycling-Reporting](https://recyclesmart.org/Recycling-Reporting).
- Certain businesses may be eligible for an organics-only participation waiver. Visit [RecycleSmart.org/Recycling-Reporting](https://recyclesmart.org/Recycling-Reporting).



For additional compliance information, visit [RecycleSmart.org/1383](https://recyclesmart.org/1383) or use the QR code.

SB 1383 also requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting by performing annual route audits. RecycleSmart or its contractors may be in the area assessing your carts and bins.

**Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341 & RecycleSmart Ordinance 15-1)** requires a business generating four cubic yards or more of recyclables, organics and trash combined per week to arrange for recycling service.

**Customer Access to Recycling (AB 827)** requires some food-generating businesses to place recycling and organics containers in all areas where landfill containers are present (except restrooms), with proper signage, similar to SB 1383 described above.

## Free Technical Assistance

For free technical assistance, including employee and custodial training, videos, signage and waste assessments, contact a Republic Services Recycling Coordinator at (925) 671-5860 or email [RecycleCoordinators@RepublicServices.com](mailto:RecycleCoordinators@RepublicServices.com).



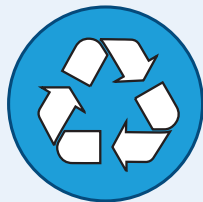
# Empty, Clean, and Dry Recycling



**Empty.** Remove any remaining food or liquid.



**Clean.** Lightly rinse or wipe the item.



**Dry.** Shake out excess moisture or air dry.

If your recycling or organics cart is contaminated with unacceptable materials, it may not be serviced and/or you may be charged.

## E-Waste & Bulky Items



It is **ILLEGAL** to throw e-waste in your carts and dumpsters

Please call Republic Services (925) 685-4711 to schedule an e-waste or bulky item pick-up **for a fee**.

## Hazardous Waste



It is **ILLEGAL** to throw hazardous waste in your carts and dumpsters

Eligible businesses can take paint, fluorescent bulbs, chemicals and other hazardous materials to Central San's Hazardous Waste Facility located at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez **for a fee**. Visit [centralsan.org/hhw](https://centralsan.org/hhw).

## Batteries



It is **ILLEGAL** to throw batteries in your carts and dumpsters

Batteries contain hazardous materials that can be harmful to the environment. Drop off batteries **for free** at a convenient recycling location listed below:

### Alamo

CVS/Pharmacy  
3158 Danville Blvd.

### Blackhawk

CVS/Pharmacy  
3420 Camino Tassajara

### Moraga

Ace Hardware  
1409 Moraga Rd.  
CVS/Pharmacy  
1480 Moraga Rd. #D  
580 Moraga Rd.

### Lafayette

CVS/Pharmacy  
3625 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Ace Hardware  
3311 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Danville

CVS/Pharmacy  
650 San Ramon Val.  
Danville Music  
115 Town and Country  
Walgreens  
611 San Ramon Val.

### Orinda

CVS/Pharmacy  
50 Moraga Way  
Rite Aid  
27 Orinda Way

### Walnut Creek

CVS/Pharmacy  
1123 S. California Blvd.  
1914 Tice Valley Blvd.  
738 Bancroft Rd.  
Rite Aid  
1526 Palos Verde Mall  
Ace Hardware  
2044 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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441 N. Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, CA 94553  
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# Recycling and Organics Services for Businesses



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Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority



# Landfill

**YES**

Plastic Utensils  
Plastic Packaging  
Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic Food Service Ware  
Juice Pouches  
Chip Bags  
Snack Wrappers  
Broken Dishware  
Expanded Polystyrene Foam  
Diapers  
Pet Waste  
Receipts  
Coated Paper  
Food Cartons  
Plastic (Without a Recycling Number)  
Non-Usable Textiles

**NO**

Food Scraps  
Uncoated Food Soiled Paper  
Landscape Trimmings  
Recyclables  
Electronics  
Medicine  
Medical Sharps  
Batteries  
Fluorescent Bulbs  
Motor Oil/Filters  
Hazardous Waste

Compostable and Biodegradable plastic food service ware such as cold cups and utensils should go in your black landfill cart.



# Recycling

**YES**

Empty, Clean, and Dry™:  
(#1-7) Plastic Containers  
Bundled Plastic Bags  
Metal Containers  
Clean Foil  
Glass Bottles and Jars  
Clean Paper  
(If shredded, put in clear bag)  
Clean Cardboard

**NO**

Food Scraps  
Food-Soiled Paper and Containers  
Garbage  
Paper Towels  
Paper Plates  
Organics  
Wood  
Expanded Polystyrene Foam  
Hazardous Waste  
Batteries  
Electronics  
Plastic Utensils  
Broken Glass

Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or placed in a clear bag only.



# Organics

**YES**

Small Twigs and Branches  
(4' or less in length and 6" in diameter)  
Landscape Trimmings  
Uncoated Food-Soiled Paper  
(including napkins, paper towels, paper food cartons, pizza boxes)  
Raw and Cooked Food, Leftovers, To-Go Food  
Fruits and Vegetables  
(raw and cooked)  
Dairy Products  
Breads  
Meat and Seafood  
(including bones and shells)

**NO**

Plastic  
Glass  
Metal  
Pet Waste  
Diapers  
Plastic Food Containers  
Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic  
Expanded Polystyrene Foam  
Treated or Painted Wood

Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only.  
No Plastic Bags



# Food Waste

**YES**

Fruits and Vegetables  
Dairy Products  
Breads  
Meat and Seafood  
(including bones and shells)  
Paper Towels and Napkins

**NO**

Landscape Trimmings  
Plastic  
Glass  
Metal  
Pet Waste  
Diapers  
Plastic Food Containers  
Compostable & Biodegradable Plastic  
Expanded Polystyrene Foam  
Treated or Painted Wood

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**FOOD RECYCLING PROJECT**  
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