

COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES AND TIPS FOR BUSINESSES

West Valley Recycles is here to help your business comply with state and local organics, recycle, and landfill regulations.

What do I need to do to comply with these laws?

- **3-Stream Collection:** All business must participate in the organic, recycle, and landfill collection programs.
- **Sorting Stations:** Encourage proper separation of organic, recycle, and landfill materials by providing containers (all 3 streams) at each area where interior disposal containers are accessible (except in restrooms). If your business does not generate a specific material type, it does not have to provide that particular container. West Valley Recycles can provide a list of links to purchase indoor containers.
- **Train Staff:** Provide education to employees, tenants, customers, and contractors annually on sorting do's and don'ts. Businesses with disposable to-go cutlery, straws, stirrers, and condiments must ensure employees only serve these upon the customer's request. West Valley Recycles provides educational materials and training at no cost to businesses!
- **Color Code and Label All Containers:** Ensure all interior containers are color coded and labeled (Green for Organics, blue for Recycle, grey or black for Landfill). West Valley Recycles provides container labels and sorting posters at no cost to businesses!
- **Sort Material:** Properly sort acceptable organic, recycle, and landfill materials into color-coded and labeled containers. Monitor containers for contamination and training opportunities.

West Valley Recycles Offers Free Customized Support!

Contact us now to take advantage of our free consulting services:

- Onsite assessment with an experienced outreach coordinator
- Right-sizing of collection containers for optimal service levels
- Contamination prevention and waste reductions tips specifically for the materials generated at your business
- Staff trainings or presentations (virtual or in person)
- Educational materials and signage



KEEP OUR STREAMS CLEAN!

Please make sure these items stay out of your landfill container:

Place clean cardboard/paper, empty plastic containers, and glass and metal food/beverage containers in your **RECYCLE** container:

Clean Cardboard/Paper



Empty Plastic Containers



Glass and Metal Food/
Beverage Containers



Place food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in your **ORGANICS** container:

Food Scraps



Food-Soiled Paper



Yard Trimmings



WHAT ARE THE LAWS?

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires residents and businesses (including public entities) to keep organic materials like food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings out of the landfill by placing them into your organics cart or bin. Landfilling organics produces methane gas, a significant contributor to climate change. Some businesses will be required to divert edible food to a food recovery service or organization for human consumption.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1276 requires restaurants, retail food facilities, and food delivery services to provide disposables upon request only.

Assembly Bill (AB) 827 requires businesses that have onsite eating to place organics and recycle containers next to all landfill containers for proper sorting of materials. This mostly applies to restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, and other food service providers.



For more SB 1383 Information:
calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/

Bags or No Bags?

Bags are not required. In fact, placing items loose in the container (without bags) is preferred for both recycle and organics. If you do choose to use bags or liners, using *clear bags* for organics and recycle is preferred, as they allow materials to be visible for proper sorting. For landfill, any color bag is acceptable.

PRO TIPS:

Place posters at eye level over corresponding containers/sorting stations. Place additional posters in areas where staff linger, such as break rooms or by copiers.

Flatten cardboard to save room in the recycle container.

Use this flyer to supplement your training program!



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