

Overview

California State Law Senate Bill 1383, also known as the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act, aims to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, such as methane, black carbon, and hydrofluorocarbons, by diverting organic waste (*food waste/scraps, green waste such as grass and leaves*) from landfills and increasing composting and recycling efforts. Proper organic waste disposal is needed from all residents to help reduce pollution in the environment.

Residential Organic Recycling Guidelines

Organic Waste Collection:

- **Single-Family Homes:** Residents are required to participate in their jurisdiction's curbside organic waste collection service. This involves properly sorting organic waste such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and food-soiled paper into the green container.
- **Multifamily Complexes:** Multifamily residential complexes with five or more units must provide organics collection services. This can include a dedicated green bin for organic waste for all residents to use.

Helpful information for collecting organic waste:

- Try using a reusable food scraps container in the kitchen, the City of Brawley is proving per household one 1.9-gallon reusable food scrap kitchen pail, you can pick it up at the Brawley Public Works office, located at 180 S. Western Ave.
- When the kitchen pail is full, you can dump the collected organic waste inside the green waste container. It is advisable to keep the kitchen pail in a chill place to reduce the potential of odors due to the naturally occurring degradation of the organic waste placed in the kitchen pail. If you cannot keep it chill, you should dispose of the organic waste as soon as practical to avoid any odor nuisance.
- Do not use plastic bags, nor recyclable plastic bags as liners for the reusable container, all plastics should go into the recyclable blue container. You can only use compostable bags, but that is up to the residents, the kitchen reusable pail can be washed after every use if no compostable bags are used.

Commercial Organic Recycling Guidelines

ONLY place these items in the organics cart



Food Waste  <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fruit✓ Vegetables✓ Meat✓ Dairy	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Eggshells✓ Prepared food✓ Rice, beans, grains and pasta
Yard Waste  <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Grass✓ Leaves	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Plants✓ Branches
Food-Soiled Paper  <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Napkins✓ Paper plates	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Tea bags✓ Coffee grounds

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 Trash	 Plastic or Styrofoam™	 Painted or Treated Wood
 Plastic Bags or Film	 Glass	 Diapers
 Beverage Containers	 Oil or Grease	 Metal Cans

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Commercial Organic Food Waste Recycling

Businesses generating a specified amount of organic waste (including food waste) are required to recycle their organic waste. This can be done by subscribing to a recycling service, self-hauling the waste to a composting facility, or on-site recycling.

Commercial Organic Green Waste Recycling

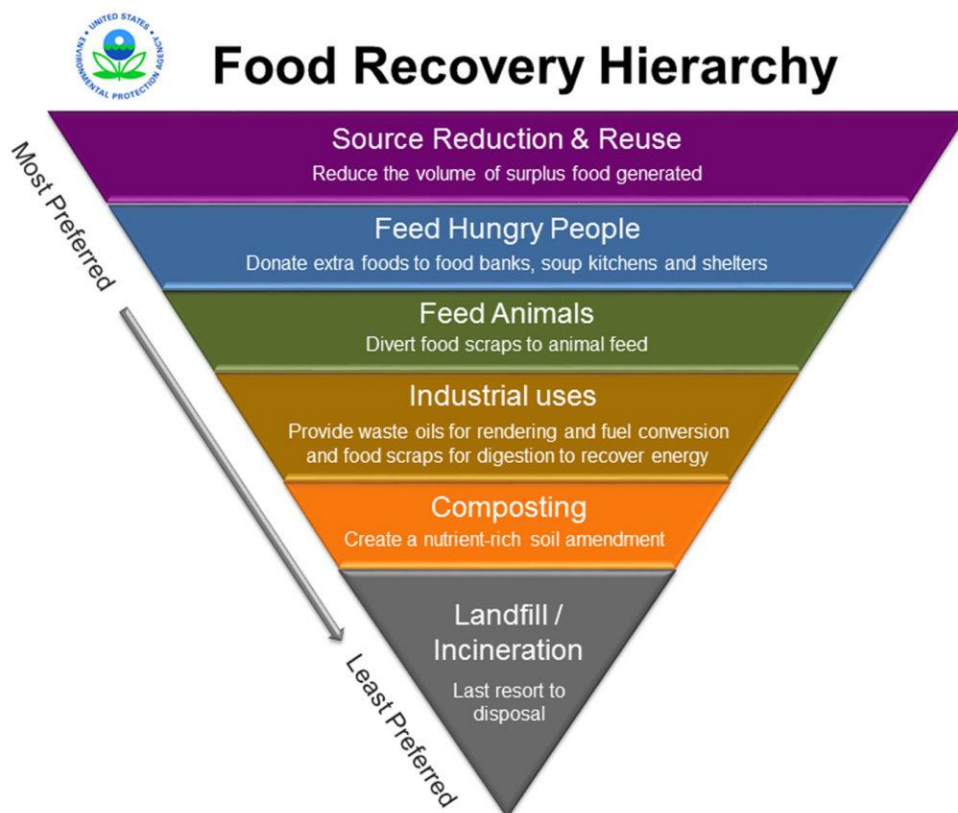
Businesses must also recycle green waste, such as landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste. Similar to food waste recycling, businesses can subscribe to a recycling service or self-haul the waste.

Commercial and Multifamily Waiver

Certain businesses and multifamily residential complexes (five units or more) may be eligible for waivers under specific conditions. These waivers allow them to be exempt from the recycling requirements if they meet certain criteria, such as being located in a rural county or demonstrating that recycling services are not available.

By following these guidelines, residents can contribute to the reduction of organic waste in landfills, helping to lower greenhouse gas emissions and promote environmental sustainability.

Composting food waste is a better alternative method to combat environmental pollution by not sending it to landfills. The sustainable goal is to reduce food waste, less food waste means there is less potential of polluting the environment.



For more detail information visit the following links by clicking on them:

- [CalRecycle](#)
 - CalRecycle has very detailed information for residents and businesses
- [Republic Services](#)
 - The city uses Republic Services for thrash, recyclables and green waste collection. Republic offers a once a month green waste container clean-up if needed, free of charge, for more information and scheduling contact them.
- [California Senate Bill 1383](#)
 - The law requires all residents, multi-family complexes, and businesses to recycle organic materials (i.e. food waste and green waste.)
- [EPA - Sustainable Management of Food](#)
 - Read more about reducing wasted food at home: Reducing Wasted Food At Home

For questions, please contact the Environmental Compliance Office at (760) 344-5803 Ext. 2, or send us an email to Environmental-Compliance@brawley-ca.gov.