



Commercial Customers — SPECIAL EDITION — ORGANICS RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery is your one-stop shop for organics, recycling, and solid waste collection services. We use an approach called Community Resource Optimization to reduce our carbon footprint and elevate the value of the material we collect and process.



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PREVENT FOOD WASTE TIPS FOR BUSINESSES



MANDATORY COMPOSTING LAW IN CALIFORNIA. WHY YOUR BUSINESS MUST RECYCLE ORGANICS.



DIVERT
75% OF
ORGANIC WASTE
FROM THE LANDFILL
BY 2025

PUT FOOD SCRAPS AND LANDSCAPE WASTE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

One of the easiest ways we can fight climate change is by recycling **organic waste**. Over 50% of our landfill is comprised of organic waste: food, landscape waste, and food-soiled paper. **Organic waste emits 20% of the state's methane**, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.¹

We all need to do our part to reduce climate pollution, which is why it is important for businesses to recycle organic waste weekly.

The new California state law SB 1383 requires all businesses to keep compostable materials out of landfills by placing discarded food scraps into the organics container. This material is converted into soil-enriching compost.

Businesses with a large amount of organic waste may choose to back-haul their organic material. A record must be kept showing the amount of organics delivered to the composting facility.

WHAT GOES IN THE ORGANICS CONTAINER?



FOOD: Bones, shells, raw, cooked, or spoiled food scraps of any variety.



FOOD-SOILED PAPER: Napkins, paper towels, paper-based take-out containers, pizza boxes, and coffee filters.



LANDSCAPE WASTE: Brush, branches (less than 3' in length and 6" in diameter), lawn and plant clippings, shrubbery, twigs, weeds, and wood chips (no dirt).



Almost 1 in 4 Californians don't have enough to eat.²

The new state law SB 1383 requires certain food-generating businesses to donate surplus edible food to feed food-insecure residents in our communities.

Why must some businesses donate food? SB 1383 requires that by 2025 at least 20% of the edible food that is currently thrown away must be donated to organizations that participate in food recovery. Edible food is unserved produce and meals that are safe for human consumption.

There are 3 main requirements for complying with the new law:

1. Donate the maximum amount of surplus edible food that would otherwise be discarded.
2. Establish written agreements with food recovery organizations to pick up or receive your surplus edible food.
3. Maintain monthly records of type, frequency, and pounds of food recovered and sent to/collected by each organization.

WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS HAS TO COMPLY?

Tier 1 generators: LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT



Supermarkets: Gross annual sales of two million dollars or more.



Grocery Stores: A total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 square feet.



Food Service Providers: Provides food services to institutional, commercial, or industrial locations.



Food Distributors: Distributes food to entities including supermarkets and grocery stores.

Wholesale Food Vendors: Food is received, stored, and prepared for wholesale distribution.

Tier 2 generators: Compliance Deadline - January 1, 2024

Restaurants: 250 or more seats, or a facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet.

Health Facilities: With an on-site food facility and 100 or more beds.

State Agency Cafeterias: 250+ seats or a total cafeteria size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet.

Hotels: With an on-site food facility and 200 or more rooms.

Large Venues: Annually seats or serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation.

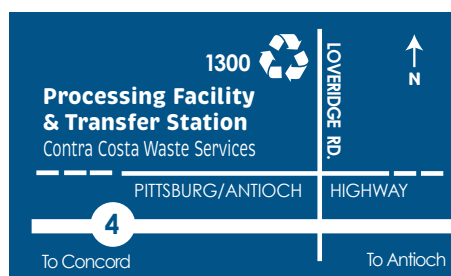
Large Events: Charges an admission price, or is operated by a local agency, and serves 2,000 or more individuals per day.

Local Education Agencies: With an on-site food facility.



Starting **January 1, 2024** jurisdictions are required to enforce this law and penalties may be issued for non-compliance. Visit www.mdrr.com/foodrecovery or scan the QR code to download a list of local Food Recovery Organizations and discover how your business benefits from donating food.

RECYCLE YOUR WASTE AT OUR PLACE!



YOUR PREMIER SELF-HAUL DESTINATION

Our Processing Facility and Transfer Station (Contra Costa Waste Services) is conveniently located at 1300 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. Our full-service transfer station is open daily for businesses from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm (closed Christmas Day + New Year's Day only). We accept solid waste, yard waste, wood, plastics, metals, cardboard, building material, dirt, rock, concrete, electronics, appliances, and more. For pricing, please visit www.mdrr.com/rcts.



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