

# State Law SB 1383 Mandates Organic Waste Recycling Two-Cart Service Residents

## Dear Valued Resident,

Due to changes in California recycling laws – known as California Senate Bill 1383 – the City of Irvine, along with every jurisdiction in the State of California, is required to implement an organic waste collection service. The City is currently finalizing a residential organic waste program with Waste Management (WM) to begin in April 2023. Because of this new law, all residents will be required to separate their food waste from regular trash.

### Organic materials include:

- Food scraps: Meat, bones, dairy, fruit, and vegetable scraps.
- Food-soiled paper such as napkins, paper towels, uncoated cardboard, and paper bags.
- Green waste which includes yard clippings, small branches, grass trimmings, leaves.

Residents are not required to compost at home, though they may continue to do so voluntarily. Please keep in mind, a home composting program will not exempt you from participating in the established organic waste collection service to all residents. Per the State of California, there are no waivers or exemptions for residential dwellings.

HOA communities with two-cart collection (trash and recycling only) have two options to comply with SB 1383. Residents are encouraged to work with their HOA to select one of the options below:

- Communal/shared location(s) for a food waste only collection program.
- If the communal/shared container is not feasible, a green lid container will be delivered directly to each home.

The program that is selected will be for all members within that particular association. Property management companies or HOAs must notify WM or the City of their selection by June 30. It is important that this selection occur in a timely manner because State law requires the City to engage in enforcement action in connection with any residence that does not participate in WM's organic waste collection program. Once your HOA has confirmed its choice, the City and WM will provide technical assistance with setting up the program. Please reach out to your HOA to see what program has been selected for your community.



HOA communities with two-cart collection (trash and recycling only), have two options to comply with SB 1383. HOA or property managers select *either* a three-cart organic waste program for every resident *or* provide a communal/ shared location(s) for *only* food waste collection.

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## What can you do?

Food waste can be separated from the trash by having a separate container or food scraps pail inside your kitchen. Alternatively, food can be stored in the fridge or freezer and emptied directly into your curbside green lid container on collection day.

To help you better understand the new organic waste mandate, we have included the following with this letter:

1. A "Frequently Asked Questions" about the City of Irvine's SB 1383 two-cart Residential Organics Recycling Program.
2. City of Irvine Organic Waste Recycling Educational Flyer.

To learn more about home waste service for the new organics program, scan the QR code:



We would like to thank you in advance for your readiness to comply with this State mandate. If you have questions, please feel free to contact WM via phone (949) 642-1191, email [cslosangeles@wm.com](mailto:cslosangeles@wm.com) or you can speak to a live agent through [home.wm.com/irvine](http://home.wm.com/irvine). We look forward to serving you!



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