

Commercial Trash, Recycling, and Organics

The City of Calimesa's trash, recyclables, and organic waste are collected by CR&R Environmental Services (CR&R). For customer service, including establishing service, change of address, cart replacement, bulky item pickups, temporary bins, please call CR&R Customer Care at (800) 755-8112.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling – AB 341

Beginning July 1, 2012, Assembly Bill 341 [AB341] required all businesses in California that generate four or more cubic yards of waste per week to recycle. In an effort to assist you with this law, our contracted hauler (CR&R Environmental Services), offers a wide variety of recycling services. Please visit their website at <https://crrwasteservices.com> for further information. Information about California's new business recycling requirement is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/>

Mandatory Organics Recycling – AB 1826

The California Legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed, Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) in 2014. This law requires all businesses and commercial centers that generate a certain amount of organic waste to develop a program to recycle that organic waste rather than sending it to a landfill. Organic waste includes food waste, vegetable trimmings, plate scrapings, spoiled food, and excess food inventory. State regulations require that:

Businesses that generate two cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week shall arrange for ongoing organic waste recycling services by January 1, 2022.

Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants – SB 1383

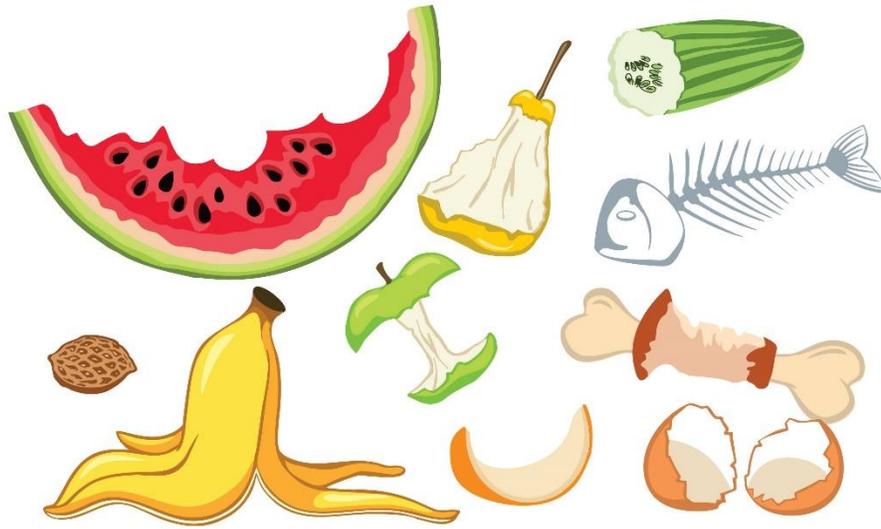
In September 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce methane emissions. Methane gas is created in landfills when organic waste naturally decomposes. In accordance with this law, all local jurisdictions must provide recycling and organics waste collection services to all residential and commercial generators by January 1, 2022. This will help divert organic materials from landfills. If you have not done so already, please reach out to CR&R, the City's waste hauler, to sign up for collection services.

In addition to organics recycling collection programs, SB 1383 regulations also require businesses to minimize throwing out "edible food" by requiring the implementation of an Edible Food Program.

Starting January 1, 2022: All Tier One edible food generators will need to either sign up for organics recycling services or donate their food waste to a food bank or non-profit charitable organization. Tier One generators include supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors.

Starting January 1, 2024: All Tier Two edible food generators will need to either sign up for organics recycling services or donate their food waste to a food bank or a non-profit charitable organization. Tier Two generators include restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, large events, state agencies, and local education agencies.

For more information on SB 1383, please visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organic/slcp



WHAT ARE ORGANICS?

Organic waste is split into two (2) categories: Food Scraps and Green Waste.

Food scraps includes all peels, nuts, seeds, meat, and shells. It does not matter if the food is rotting or if it is the part of the food we do not eat, that food will still go in the food scraps bin.

Plastic wrappers that food comes in should not be put in your food waste container.

Green waste includes all plant debris and landscaping waste.

Do not put plastic/paper bags, water hoses, metal, hazardous waste, glass, or other material that does not grow from the earth in your green waste container.

For more information on our organics program please contact CR&R at (800) 755-8112. Additional information regarding details on the legislation can be found on [CalRecycle's website](#).

Get Compliance Help

Once your business decides to implement a recycling program, CR&R's Sustainability Specialist can assist in the training of your employees. They can provide educational materials explaining the program in depth. One of the keys to a successful program is education, from ownership to management to staff.

Customer Access to Recycling – AB 827

Assembly Bill 827 (AB 827) amended existing California statute, namely the Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) and Mandatory Commercial Recycling Organics (MORe) laws. Effective July 1, 2020, MORe-covered businesses must provide organics recycling containers to collect products purchased and consumed by customers on the premises. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers and be visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked. This law targets businesses that sell products meant for immediate consumption. If a business does not sell any of the organic materials for immediate consumption on the premises, then the business does not have to provide an organics container in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers. Click the link for more information on [Customer Access to Recycling \(AB 827\)](#).