

California's New Recycling Laws

As part of California's Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change, several laws have recently passed to help reduce greenhouse gases, increase recycling in the U.S., and divert organic materials away from the waste stream. These new mandates affect every business in California, and each have their own compliance requirements of businesses and multi-family residences. **See below for details on each new California State Law and resources to help ensure compliance.**



AB 341: Commercial Recycling

Purpose: For businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste that they generate as possible.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or a multifamily residential dwelling of five (5) units or more to arrange for recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free consultation and customized on-site recycling program assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 341.

AB 1826: Organic Waste Recycling

Purpose: Nearly half of California's waste stream is organic material like yard trimmings, food waste, and lumber. AB 1826 helps divert organic material from landfills and into composting and anaerobic digestion facilities where it is transformed into rich soil amendments and biofuel.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free waste assessment, training and technical assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit

<https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 1826.



SB 1383: Edible Food Recovery

Purpose: California is aiming to reduce the amount of organic waste by 50 percent by 2020 and by 75 percent by 2025. SB

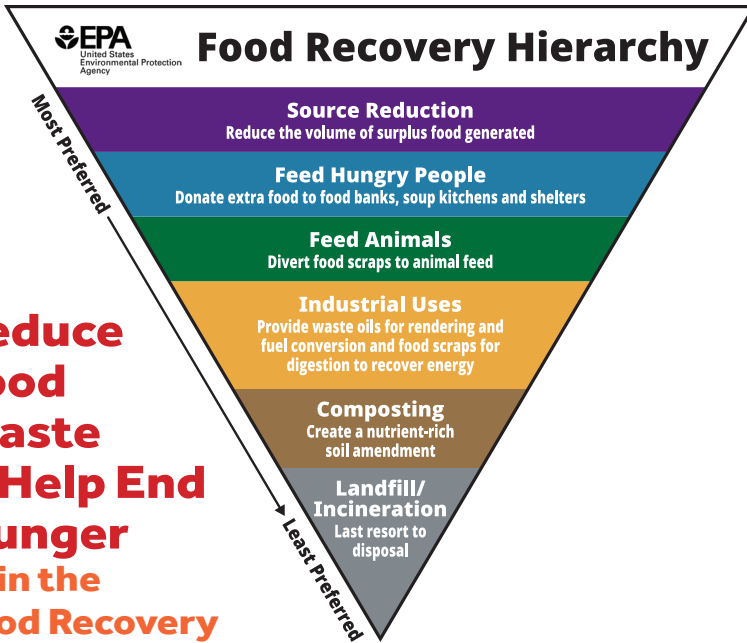
1383 helps reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as methane gas, which is produced from the decomposition of organic materials, including food waste.

Requirements: Each resident and business will need to reduce their disposal of organic waste by arranging for organics recycling services, and businesses will also need to establish a food recovery program to divert edible food from the waste stream.

What does "edible food" mean? "Edible food" means unsold or unserved food that is fit for human consumption, even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

Resource: Nonprofit organization, *Food Finders*, connects donated perishable food to nonprofit pantries and shelters throughout Southern California in an effort to reduce hunger and food waste, simultaneously. They currently partner with grocery stores, restaurants, food manufacturers, hotels, bakeries, hospitals, schools and others to meet growing levels of food insecurity and are a great resource to utilize in developing a food recovery program. To find out how your business can donate edible food, please visit <http://www.foodfinders.org/>.





Reduce Food Waste & Help End Hunger
Join the **Food Recovery Challenge!**

Today, 40% of food is wasted in the United States. This adds up to an astonishing total of 70 billion pounds of food, with more than 2 million people in Los Angeles County alone who aren't getting enough food to eat. As part of the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, they've created a **Food Recovery Challenge** where businesses and organizations everywhere are pledging to improve their sustainable food management practices.

This program allows your business **to help your community, save money, and reduce your environmental footprint** by simply following the Food Recovery Hierarchy. By using the hierarchy businesses can prioritize their actions to prevent and divert wasted food through prevention, donation, composting and/or anaerobic digestion which helps to create renewable energies.

VVS is already doing its part to reduce food waste through its Organic Waste Recycling Program and it's use of CNG fuel. We encourage you to consider ways to cut back on waste while helping those experiencing hunger.

To find out how your organization can start participating in the EPA's Food Recovery Challenge and make an impact in your community, please visit

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-frc>.

Bulky Item Collection

Valley Vista Service offers Commercial Bulky Item Collection service for businesses and multi-family residences to dispose of items that are too large to fit into the standard trash bin. Some acceptable items to have picked up are:

- Tables
- Washers
- Mattresses
- Dryers
- Couches
- Refrigerators
- Chairs
- Stoves

Bulky item pickup requests must be placed at least 24 hours in advance to ensure pickup on the next regularly scheduled pickup day. Please do not leave items out for collection without calling to schedule a pickup and receiving confirmation. To schedule a bulky item pickup, call our Customer Service Department today at (800) 442-6454.

Close the Loop

Collecting materials is only the first step toward making the recycling process work. Successful recycling also depends on manufacturers making products from recovered materials and, in turn, consumers purchasing products made of recycled materials. Do your part: **"close the loop"** and buy products made of recycled materials whenever possible.



Holiday Schedule

Collection Service will not run on these upcoming holidays:

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2020**
- Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2020**

If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day.

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