

## Mandatory Recycling and Organics Waste Diversion

As part of California's Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change, several laws were passed to help reduce greenhouse gases, increase recycling in the U.S., and divert organic materials away from the waste stream. See below for details on each new California State Law and resources to help ensure compliance.

### AB 341: Commercial Recycling

The aim of AB 341 is for businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste they generate as possible. **AB 341 requires that businesses that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or are a multifamily residential dwelling of five (5) units or more must now arrange for recycling services.** For on-site training and a customized recycling program, contact Valley Vista Services (VVS) at (800) 442-6454. **For more information regarding AB 341 and downloadable resources for your business, go to [ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling](https://ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling).**



### AB 1826: Organic Waste Recycling

About half of California's waste stream is organic material like yard trimmings, food waste, and lumber. Organic material can be diverted from landfills into composting and anaerobic digestion facilities where it is transformed into rich soil amendments and biofuel. *California is aiming to reduce the amount of organic waste by 75 percent by 2025.*

**In order to achieve this target, AB 1826 requires commercial businesses to arrange for organic waste recycling services if they generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week.**



All commercial properties are required to determine their AB 1826 compliance status and implement an organics recycling program if eligible. Please note, however, that multifamily dwellings organics recycling is specific to landscape waste only (not food waste).

**To find out if you are in AB 1826 compliance, fill out the online survey at [TinyURL.com/AB1826-WasteSurvey](https://TinyURL.com/AB1826-WasteSurvey) or call (800) 442-6454 to schedule a free waste assessment.**

### SB 1383: Edible Food Recovery

In September 2016, Governor Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The targets must:

- ▶ Reduce organic waste disposal 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025.
- ▶ Rescue, for people to eat, at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

Beginning next year on January 1, 2022, California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law (SB 1383) will go into effect and will require property owners, organic waste generators, and commercial edible food generators to implement organic waste collection programs, edible food recovery, and tracking & reporting that comply with the requirements of SB 1383.

**This will include:**



**Supermarkets**

**Grocery stores**

**Hotels**

**Wholesale food vendors**

**Large venues & events**

**Food service providers**

**Restaurants**

**Health facilities**

**Food distributors**

SB 1383 requires businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose to food recovery organizations. Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Food Finders are great organizations that partner with local businesses and will distribute donated food to people in need. **To learn more about how you can start preparing for SB 1383, please visit [CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/Education](https://CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/Education).**

## Save the Food!

As part of the requirements for SB 1383, food waste generators will need to participate in food waste diversion programs beginning **January 1, 2022**, but there are steps you can start taking now to manage food waste more thoughtfully. [SaveTheFood.com](https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/save-the-food) provides free resources to help get you started:



### The Guest-imator

An interactive dinner party calculator that estimates how much food you need to keep guests happy and healthy.

### Meal Prep Mate

A digital tool to create meal plans and perfectly-portioned shopping lists that help you kick food waste to the curb.

### Interactive Storage Guide



Learn how to store it best, how long it should stay there, and what to do if a food item is a little past prime.

### Recipe Hacks

Give scraps and "past-its-prime" food a new (and delicious) second life! Learn how to cook everything from cilantro stems to that overripe avocado on the counter.

### Expert Tips

Find articles on a variety of food saving topics from the pros, and become a food waste warrior yourself!

Find more ways to manage organic waste responsibly, like donating to food banks and composting for soil restoration, by visiting [CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics).



## Getting Back to Business

With the recent updated COVID-19 guidelines and reopening of businesses throughout Los Angeles County, many are getting back into their familiar routines and beginning the process of rebuilding. Valley Vista Services (VVS) is happy to help get your business back on track and support you during this new phase. If you have a need for a service level change, assistance with internal recycling programs or becoming compliant with the newest State Mandates (AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827 and SB 1383), please reach out to one of our waste professionals. VVS will work with you to help get your business back up and running with ease. **Contact a VVS waste professional today by calling (800) 442-6454 or by going to [ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling](https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/Recycling).**



## Cleanup Bins

If you are currently working on a remodel, demolition or some other project, where you have an excess of materials to dispose of, consider renting a temporary bin or roll-off container. Many of the precious resources you come into contact with can be recovered. VVS currently collects and recycles materials such as wood, metal, film plastic, asphalt, carpet (clean), drywall and concrete. Depending on the amount of waste and type of materials being disposed of, our waste professionals can help recommend the most appropriate dumpster for the job. **Temporary Bins** and **Roll-Off Rentals** come in various sizes, including 3-Yard, 10-Yard, 26-Yard, and 40-Yard to help meet your project needs. **Request a free dumpster rental quote online at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Dumpster-Rental](https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/Dumpster-Rental).**



## Holiday Schedule

Collection Service will not run on these holidays:

**New Year's Day**  
**Memorial Day**  
**Independence Day**  
**Labor Day**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
**Christmas Day**

If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day. Excluding holidays, our normal business hours are Monday through Friday 8 am - 5 pm and Saturday 8 am - 1 pm.



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