



FAQs: SB 1383

The City of Palm Springs is preparing for changes to both residential and commercial trash, recycling, and food and yard waste collection service changes in 2022. We have prepared this FAQ to keep you informed.

On December 9, 2021, the Palm Springs City Council passed a new ordinance which requires organic waste collection services to all residents. This includes collection of yard waste and food waste. Organic waste collection is already available to commercial establishments. Like most other cities, the City of Palm Springs is on track to provide these new services to all residents by October 1, 2022.

Q. What is SB 1383?

A. Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) is a law enacted by the State of California to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (like organic waste) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025). It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food by 2025 and redirect that food to people in need.

Q. How will this law help the environment?

A. Landfill gas created by decomposing organic waste is a significant source of overall greenhouse gas emissions. This law helps California achieve its aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals and address climate change by reducing materials in the landfill which produce gas.

Q. What is Organic Waste?

A. The state defines "Organic Waste" as food, landscape and pruning trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products, printing and writing paper, and other plant and animal-based products. This includes such items as food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper plates, and napkins.

Q. When will residential Organic Waste service begin in Palm Springs?

A. October 1, 2022.



Q. Who must comply with the new law?

A. The law affects all California residents, including those in single and multi-family residential complexes, commercial businesses, and schools. Currently, commercial businesses have containers to recycle food waste in and should continue to do so. Businesses that are not yet recycling organic waste should consult with Palm Springs Disposal Services (PSDS) about the services available to them now.

Q. When will residents receive a Green Waste Cart for Organic Service?

A. The start of the organic waste recycling program is forecast to begin October 1, 2022. This date accommodates the delivery of the new collection trucks and carts and the opening of the local composting facility.

Before collection of organic waste begins, residents will receive a green cart for the program and will be able to select the cart size that best meets their need.

About 25% of residential customers already have a green cart for yard waste recycling. These customers should continue to use their green cart for yard waste ONLY until advised by PSDS that food waste can be recycled as well.

Only after the organic waste recycling program has begun and after ample public education and outreach will the City begin to enforce the Ordinance.

Information will be updated regularly on our website at www.YourSustainableCity.com.

Helpful links:

- CalRecycle Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy page

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>

- City of Palm Springs Residential Waste page

<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/services/sustainability-and-recycling/recycling-waste-management/residential-green-waste>

For more information, please contact the Office of Sustainability at (760) 323-8248 or recycling@palmspringsca.gov.

- Palm Springs Disposal Services Residential Waste page

<https://www.palmspringsdisposal.com/residential/index.htm>

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