



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: March 15, 2022

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SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

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LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: March 3, 2022

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 7, 2022

Subcommittee Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated by the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030.

Summary:

1. SB 1383 Planning & Franchise Update

- The draft franchise agreement is in the process of being reviewed by PSDS and City legal counsel. Once approved by both counsels, the franchise agreement will be provided to the City Council Subcommittee consisting of Councilmembers Holstege and Kors for review.
- PSDS has produced labels for green cart organics. Commercial organics collection has been in effect since 2016 under AB 1826. Residential organics collection will begin on October 1, 2022. PSDS is including this information in their April mailer and will be asking residents to select from cart sizes of 35 gallon, 65 gallon and 96 gallon organic carts.
- City staff submitted SB 619, the Notification of Intent to Comply to CalRecycle by the March 1, 2022 deadline. The purpose of the application is to protect the City from fines for the delayed implementation date of October 1, 2022 for Residential organics collection.
- Liz Hernandez of PSDS advised that all of the carts and bins, including landfill, recycling and organics, will receive new labels advising of which materials are acceptable and which materials are contaminants. The new labels will also contain a QR code linking customers to PSDS's website with additional information. Beginning March 19, 2022, PSDS's website will be updated and will offer customers the ability to select their cart size for organic collection at www.palmspringsdisposal.com
- Residential organics collection will begin on October 1, 2022. PSDS will begin delivering carts September 6 through 30 and residential customers will have their carts at least 7-days before their 1st organic waste collection day. Residents will have a choice of 3 cart sizes: 35 gallon; 65 gallon; 95 gallon. The default size is 65-gallons. The following recommendations are being made for sizing:
 - Households with 1 or 2 occupants and very little yard waste will find that the 35-gallon cart will meet their need. This size cart might also be a good choice for dwellings with limited storage space.
 - Households with 2+ occupants and limited yard waste should find that the 65-gallon cart will meet their need. (For reference, this is the size of your BLUE recycling cart.)
 - Large households or properties with a considerable amount of weekly yard waste may find that the 95-gallon cart is their best choice.
- Outreach and education efforts for SB 1383 have continued during the month of March. Upcoming outreach has been scheduled for the Certified Farmer's Market on March 5th, the ONE-PS meeting at the Mizell Center on March 8th, the ONE-PS meeting of the Melodie Ranch neighborhood on March 12th, the ONE-PS picnic on March 19th, the ONE-PS neighborhood in Sunrise Park on March 26th and at the Family Fun Fest on April 13th. A presentation was given to the Palm Springs Realtor Association group on February 16, 2022.
- City staff received a letter from Riverside County and they will be collecting all of the capacity planning documentation from local jurisdictions and providing a county wide comprehensive report to CalRecycle on August 1, 2022.

2. Reducing Single-use Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.

- ReCreate Waste Collaborative, LLC, met with businesses the week of February 22-24, 2022. Abbe and Associates met with businesses the week of February 28, 2022. To date, the consultants have met with over 200 food providers and continue communications via phone, e-mail and in person visits.
- Site visits to food vendors has been positive and many have made a variety of improvements including replacing disposable products with reusables for onsite dining, replacement of plastic straws with paper/wheat/hat/bamboo/seaweed straws, replacements of single use plastic bags with paper bags and replacement of polystyrene products with approved plastic and compostable products for take out orders.
- Businesses have been slow to take advantage of the scholarship funds offered to reimburse them up to \$750.00 for compliant products. City staff will continue contacting businesses and encouraging use of the scholarship funding.
- Chair Clark asked staff to review the data and provide an update on the percentage of businesses that are complying with the ordinance at the April meeting.

3. Downtown Trash Can Signage

- Nothing to report.

4. Non-compliance with Commercial Recycling and Organics Requirements

- City staff and PSDS staff have continued meeting with businesses for AB 1826 organics and AB 341 recycling management in an effort to achieve 100% compliance. Below are the most recent compliance figures:

Commercial Subject to AB 341 (recycling)	494 (total number of commercial)
Total # Not Recycling	96
Multi Family Subject to AB 341 (recycling)	374 (total number of MFD)
Total # Not Recycling	24
Commercial Subject to AB 1826 (organics)	613 (total number of commercial)
Total # Not Recycling	265
Exempted	191
Multi Family Subject to AB 1826 (organics)	382
Total # Not Recycling	37
Exempted	11

5. Community Composting

- City Council has identified Community Composting as a priority in the 2021/22 Strategic Plan under Environmental Stewardship. City staff has a meeting scheduled with Abby Winston and Susan St Louis of Desert Compost on March 4, 2022 to discuss the necessary elements to have a Community Composting in Palm Springs.
- City staff is currently working with airport staff to determine the availability of the site located at Civic and Alejo.
- Desert Compost has established a community compost location at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert and is consulting on making a closed loop system with creating compost from the scraps from their food bank and fertilizing an onsite garden.

6. Outreach

- Staff is continuing to work on outreach material for residents on refuse, recycling and organic waste.

7. Battery Recycling Project

- Staff have collected and shipped seven (7) containers of batteries (approximately 245 pounds) since the last report.
- City staff is in the process of researching alternate battery recycling vendors as the City's Procurement Department does not agree with the indemnification clause from the current vendor Battery Solutions.

8. Toward a Public Spaces Recycling Program for the City of Palm Springs.

- Nothing to report.

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

- Nothing to report.

10. Shredding and E-waste Collection Event

- The next shredding and e-waste recycling event is planned for Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8am-12pm at City Hall.

Recommendation/Request

Subcommittee members will continue to conduct research and refine products to improve recycling rates and report on progress at future Commission meetings.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	None
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Conclude Franchise Agreement discussions with PSDS. Continue following up with businesses who are not in compliance with recycling and organics requirements.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	N/A



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>

For more information, please contact Palm Springs Disposal Services at (760) 327-1351 or info@palmspringsdisposal.com.



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La ciudad de Palm Springs se está preparando para cambios en los cambios en el servicio de recolección de basura residencial y comercial, reciclaje y alimentos y desechos de patio en 2022. Hemos preparado estas preguntas frecuentes para mantenerte informado.

El 9 de diciembre de 2021, el Concejo Municipal de Palm Springs aprobó una nueva ordenanza que requiere servicios de recolección de desechos orgánicos para todos los residentes. Esto incluye la recolección de desechos de patio y desperdicios de alimentos. La recogida de residuos orgánicos ya está a disposición de los establecimientos comerciales. Al igual que la mayoría de las otras ciudades, la ciudad de Palm Springs está en camino de proporcionar estos nuevos servicios a todos los residentes para el 1 de octubre de 2022.

Q. ¿Qué es SB 1383?

A. El Proyecto de Ley del Senado 1383 (SB 1383) es una ley promulgada por el Estado de California para reducir las emisiones de contaminantes climáticos de vida corta (como los desechos orgánicos) en varios sectores de la economía de California. SB 1383 establece objetivos estatales para reducir la cantidad de desechos orgánicos eliminados en los vertederos (reducción del 50% para 2020 y del 75% para 2025). También establece el objetivo de rescatar al menos el 20% de los alimentos comestibles actualmente desechados para 2025 y redirigir esos alimentos a las personas necesitadas.

Q. ¿Cómo ayudará esta ley al medio ambiente?

A. El gas de vertedero creado por la descomposición de los residuos orgánicos es una fuente importante de emisiones generales de gases de efecto invernadero. Esta ley ayuda a California a alcanzar sus agresivos objetivos de reciclaje y emisión de gases de efecto invernadero y abordar el cambio climático al reducir los materiales en el vertedero que producen gas.

Q. ¿Qué son los residuos orgánicos?

A. El estado define "Desechos Orgánicos" como alimentos, paisajes y podas, madera, madera, estiércol, cartón, productos de papel, papel de impresión y escritura, y otros productos de origen vegetal y animal. Esto incluye artículos como papel sucio para alimentos, como cajas de pizza, platos de papel y servilletas.

Q. ¿Cuándo comenzará el servicio residencial de Residuos Orgánicos en Palm Springs?

A. 1 de octubre de 2022.



Q. ¿Quién debe cumplir con la nueva ley?

A. La ley afecta a todos los residentes de California, incluidos los de complejos residenciales unifamiliares y multifamiliares, negocios comerciales y escuelas. Actualmente, las empresas comerciales tienen contenedores para reciclar los residuos de alimentos y deben continuar haciéndolo. Las empresas que aún no están reciclando desechos orgánicos deben consultar con Palm Springs Disposal Services (PSDS) sobre los servicios disponibles para ellos ahora.

Q. ¿Cuándo recibirán los residentes un carrito de residuos verdes para el servicio orgánico?

A. Se prevé que el inicio del programa de reciclaje de residuos orgánicos comience el 1 de octubre de 2022. Esta fecha da cabida a la entrega de los nuevos camiones y carros de recolección y la apertura de la instalación de compostaje local.

Antes de que comience la recolección de desechos orgánicos, los residentes recibirán un carrito verde para el programa y podrán seleccionar el tamaño del carrito que mejor se adapte a sus necesidades.

Alrededor del 25% de los clientes residenciales ya tienen un carrito verde para el reciclaje de residuos de jardín. Estos clientes deben continuar usando su carrito verde para desechos de patio SOLO hasta que PSDS les indique que los desechos de alimentos también se pueden reciclar.

Solo después de que el programa de reciclaje de desechos orgánicos haya comenzado y después de una amplia educación pública y divulgación, la Ciudad comenzará a hacer cumplir la Ordenanza.

La información se actualizará regularmente en nuestro sitio web en www.YourSustainableCity.com.

Enlaces útiles:

- Página de la Estrategia de Reducción de Contaminantes Climáticos de Corta Duración de CalRecycle <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>

- Página de residuos residenciales de la ciudad de Palm Springs <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/services/sustainability-and-recycling/recycling-waste-management/residential-green-waste>

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COMING OCTOBER 2022

Mandatory Organics Recycling Collections California SB 1383

GREEN CART ORGANICS



Clear Plastic Liners or Paper Bags Allowed

Green Waste Cart Available in Different Sizes

DON'T CONTAMINATE

These Items DO NOT Belong:

Visit our website or contact our office to preselect desired cart size

PSDS will begin delivering carts in September



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Próximamente en octubre de 2022

Recolecciones obligatorias de reciclaje de productos orgánicos ley de California SB 1383

CARRO VERDE PARA ORGANICOS



Bolsas de plástico transparentes permitidas

Los carros verdes de residuos orgánicos estarán disponibles en diferentes tamaños

NO CONTAMINE

Estos artículos no pertenecen aquí:

Favor de visitar nuestra sitio web o comuníquese con nuestra oficina para preseleccionar el tamaño de carrito deseado y para más información

PSDS comenzará a entregar carros en septiembre.



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