



Environmental Services

Dear San José Business Owner/Manager:

If you have been in compliance with California law, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – thank you!

If you need to learn more on how to comply with SB 1383 regulations, we are providing important information about new regulations which may impact your business operations.

SB 1383 took effect on January 1, 2022. It mandated businesses to participate in collecting and recycling organic waste and recovering edible food, which aims to reduce methane emissions (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) from organic waste in landfills. Organic waste such as food scraps, yard trimmings, food-soiled paper, and cardboard makes up half of what Californians dump in landfills. By 2025, SB 1383 mandates that the state reduce organic waste disposal to landfills by 75 percent. In San José, all organic material sorted and collected in the designated Wet bins is sent to a local anaerobic digestion facility, where it is processed to generate renewable energy and high-quality compost.

**Beginning January 2024, City of San José’s environmental inspectors will conduct visits to businesses in San José to ensure compliance with the San José Municipal Code and SB 1383 requirements.** Businesses are required to have solid waste collection through San José’s exclusive franchise hauler, Republic Services. If your business is already separating organic waste into Republic Services Wet containers, you are in compliance with the first requirement stated below. However, if your business does not yet meet this criterion, there is a risk of non-compliance with both the San José Municipal Code and SB 1383.

Requirements for the new law include:

1. **Service Levels:** Establish the appropriate solid waste service levels to segregate organic materials from non-organic materials. Depending on your business needs, this might necessitate establishing Wet, Dry, and/or Customized service with Republic Services. For further details and to ensure your business operates at the right service level, reach out to Republic Services at 408-432-1234 or [SanJoseRecyclingTeam@republicservices.com](mailto:SanJoseRecyclingTeam@republicservices.com).
2. **Receptacles:** Businesses must provide bins for both customers and staff to sort organic, recyclable, or non-organic materials. Labels on these bins should clearly indicate the items that are acceptable and those that are not.



**If your business does not adhere to these requirements, there may be fines.** Visit [SJEnvironment.org/CommercialRegulations](http://SJEnvironment.org/CommercialRegulations) for solutions to comply with SB 1383. To learn about the County of Santa Clara’s Food Recovery Program, please visit [ReduceWaste.sccgov.org/Food-Recovery](http://ReduceWaste.sccgov.org/Food-Recovery). For other questions, please email [ZeroWaste@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ZeroWaste@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-3500.

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