

How to Participate in Organic Recycling?



This starts with your business. Organic waste is separated on site.

Then recycling the organic waste can be done. . .

- On site by maintaining your own compost pile
- By self-hauling the organic waste to a recycling facility and turn in receipts to the City of Merced
- By using the City of Merced's organic refuse service

Some Landscape or Gardening Services will provide the waste recycling service for the green waste, landscape and pruning when maintaining the property



Don't Let Your Food Be Wasted!



WHAT DID YOU RECYCLE TODAY?

Paper Metal Glass Plastic



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR GREEN CLEAN

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SB 1383



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What is SB 1383?

Senate Bill 1383 is the State of California's mandate for the separation of organic waste, in an effort to reduce greenhouse gases.

What Does This Mean For Businesses?

Businesses are required to have a food waste diversion program that diverts organic waste including diverting green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste.



Organic Waste is:

- Food Waste
- Soiled Paper/Cardboard Waste
- Green Waste
- Landscape and Pruning
- Nonhazardous Wood Waste



What's Acceptable . . .

- Food Waste
- Food Soiled & Uncoated Paper, Paper Towels, and Newspaper
- Paper Plates & Paper Straws-Uncoated
- Paper Cupcake or Muffin Wrappers-Uncoated
- Cardboard/Paper Egg Cartons & Berry Baskets
- ToGo containers that are Uncoated Paper or Cardboard (NO Metal or Plastic)
- Coffee Grounds, Coffee Filter, Food Soiled Paper Coffee Cups & Cup Sleeves
- Cloth Tea Bags (Plastic Free)
- Brown Paper Bags
- Uncoated/Untreated Wooden Utensils, such as Chopsticks, Coffee Stirrers, Popsicle Sticks, Ice Cream Spoons, Skewers, Toothpicks & other Wooden Utensils
- Compostable Utensils & Plates
- Compostable Bags
- Wine Corks (cork)



What's NOT Acceptable . . .

- No Animal Feces or Kitty Litter
- No Foil
- No Metal or Plastic To-Go Food Containers or Packaging
- No Household Garbage
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam
- No Liquids or Cooking Oil
- No Recyclables such as Plastics, Glass, Metal and Clean Paper Products
- Coated Paper and Coated Paper Products

