

Organics 101: Food Scraps, Food-Soiled Paper and Yard Waste Sorting



Food scraps and food-soiled paper is no longer trash. Combine with yard waste into the green (or green-lidded) cart. The yard waste cart is now called the organics cart.



What is SB 1383?

Senate Bill 1383 requires all California businesses, multifamily complexes and residences to sort food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard debris from trash and recycling, and subscribe to compost collection service.

The intention of the law is to reduce organic materials going to the landfill, and allowing those materials to become compost. This helps you and your community.

Learn more at calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/

What Goes in Your Organics Cart?

Separate food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard debris from recycling and trash, and place in your green organics collection cart.



Food Scraps



Food Soiled Paper



Landscape Debris

No trash, plastic, glass, metal, treated wood, hazardous waste, diapers, pet waste rocks, or dirt.



Tips for Easier Sorting of Your Food Scraps



Use a reusable container to collect your food scraps in your home. Empty directly into your green organics cart.



Use a paper bag to collect your compost then place the entire bag into the green organics cart.



Use shredded paper or cardboard to line your containers or carts to help soak up liquids and odors.