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RE: New state law in effect January 1, 2022

California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 “Short-lived Climate Pollutants” goes into effect on **January 1, 2022**. This state law requires a 75% reduction of organic material disposed in landfills and a 20% increase in edible food recovery.

Studies show that 33% or more of our waste sent to landfills is made up of food, yard debris, and other organic matter. Landfilled organic matter creates methane and other powerful greenhouse gases that cause climate change. We must all do our part to slow climate change and save food that could feed people instead.

Although SB 1383 does not go into effect until 2022, current state law (AB 1826) already mandates that most commercial entities compost. You should have already received several letters regarding AB 1826 in the past few years. As of **December 31, 2020**, the requirements of AB 1826 have changed, and now require all commercial entities to compost if they generate 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week. Solid waste means the entire waste stream, including garbage, recycling, and organic materials.



Composting is easy and free. Contact SCRR at 707.795.7470 or info@sonomacorr.com to set up organic material collection service, if you have not already done so. Familiarize yourself with SB 1383 requirements listed on the following pages. Look for another letter in the mail this summer, which will have more resources to assist you in compliance. Monetary fines will be issued for non-compliance.

For more information about the law, including a link to the regulation text, please visit www.zerowastesonoma.gov/SB1383. Check back again soon as we work to include more resources in the coming months.

Thank you,

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Summary of SB 1383 Requirements

These requirements will become effective on **January 1, 2022**, but you should start preparing now. Zero Waste Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and Sonoma County Resource Recovery are available to assist in compliance. Contact us for free educational resources such as indoor containers, posters, labels, and workshops.

Multifamily Residential Buildings (5 units or more)

- 1. Provide organic material collection services for employees and tenants, in addition to recycling and garbage.**
 - a. Collect landscaping debris and food scraps for composting.
 - b. Provide easy access to containers with correct labels and colors (black/gray for garbage, blue for recycling, and green for organics).
 - c. Provide annual education on how to properly sort waste into the three bins; provide education to new tenants within 14 days of move-in.

All Other Commercial Entities and Institutions

- 1. Divert your organics from the landfill.**
 - a. Collect landscaping debris and food scraps for composting.
 - b. Alternatively, you may self-haul organics to a composting facility, anaerobic digestion facility, community composting program, or other landfill diversion program. Please keep records such as weight receipts in case of an audit.
- 2. Provide organic material collection service to employees, contractors, commercial tenants, and customers, in addition to recycling and garbage.**
 - a. Provide containers to collect recycling and organics in all areas where garbage is provided. Restrooms are exempt.
 - b. Provide easy access to containers with correct labels and colors (black/gray for garbage, blue for recycling, and green for organics).
 - c. Provide annual education on how to properly sort waste into the three bins; provide education to new commercial tenants within 14 days of occupying the premises.
 - d. Periodically inspect organics and recycling containers. Inform employees if contamination is found and provide education to correct behavior.



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3. Tier One and Tier Two commercial entities must donate excess edible food to feed people.

- a. Maintain a contract or written agreement with food recovery service(s) or organization(s) who will pick up or receive edible food.
- b. Keep records of all types of food being donated, pounds donated per month, frequency of donations, and the contact information of the contracted food recovery service(s) and/or organization(s).
- c. Do not intentionally spoil food that can be donated.
- d. Large venues or event operators shall also require all food facilities operating on site to comply with the above composting and food recovery requirements.

Tier One Commercial Entities	Tier Two Commercial Entities
Supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million dollars or more	Restaurants with 250 or more seats, or a total facility size 5,000 sq. ft. or greater
Grocery stores (10,000+ sq. ft.)	Hotels with on-site food facility, and 200 or more rooms
Food service providers	Health facility with on-site food facility, and 100 or more beds
Food distributors	Large venues that annually seat or serve an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation
Wholesale food vendors	Large events that serve an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation



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