



Dear Valued Customer,

In October of 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 1826, which requires businesses to recycle their organic waste as of April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week. Organic waste means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and compostable food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. AB 1826 phased in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over time, and as of September 2020 the State extended their requirements to include businesses that generate 2 cubic yards of solid waste per week.

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383, which requires reductions of organic waste in landfills as part of a greater plan to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025.

As of January 1, 2022, SB 1383 requires all businesses, including multi-family properties, to recycle their organic waste, including food waste.

To comply with State Recycling Mandates, Waste Management and the City of Santee recently renewed their franchise agreement. The new agreement provides a compliant, comprehensive organics program that includes the collection and processing of food waste materials. Food waste will be collected by Waste Management in separate, designated food waste carts and or containers. The food waste will then be processed into a renewable energy source. This new organic collection program is essential in assisting the City of Santee meet the State organics mandates mentioned above.

Your property had been identified to meet the threshold for AB1826 organics requirements.

Therefore, the City requires your property to implement an organics recycling program on or before November 1, 2021 to comply with AB1826 and SB 1383 for all organic waste, including food waste recycling.

How to Comply

You can meet the requirement to recycle organics by taking one of the following actions:

1. Contact Waste Management at (619) 596-5100 to subscribe to the City's organics collection services.
2. Self-haul all of the organic waste you generate on an on-going basis to a composting/recycling facility and provide City with City approved self-haul form. Proof of proper disposal will be required by the City to ensure compliance. A self-haul recycling compliance form is available on the City of Santee's website.

Not sure what you need?

Waste Management is here to help! Contact Customer Service at (619) 596-5100 to schedule a free site evaluation for help determining which organics recycling service will be most cost effective and appropriate for your business or multi-family property.

Failure to implement an organics recycling program at your property, by November 1, 2021 will result in the minimum level of organics service being delivered to your property later this year. The minimum level of organics service is (1) 64-gallon organics cart, serviced weekly and is \$99.25 per month.

For more information on these State mandates, please visit:

AB 1826: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics>

SB 1383: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/collection>

Thank you for your participation in the new organics recycling program. If you have any questions please contact the City of Santee at (619) 258-4100 ext. 127, or santeerecycles@cityofsanteeca.gov, or Waste Management at (619) 596-5100. We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

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