



## MANDATORY BUSINESS RECYCLING

Rancho Santa Margarita's commercial businesses are key partners with the City and its trash and recycling hauler, CR&R Environmental Services, in meeting state-mandated recycling requirements. California has several recycling mandates that apply to commercial businesses, including additional requirements from Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383).



**SB 1383** requires commercial businesses to participate in an organic material collection program as of **January 1, 2022**. The State of California estimates 18% of landfill disposal is food scraps (fruit, vegetables, bread, fish, meat, etc.) that could otherwise be recycled. Together, CR&R Environmental Services and the City of Rancho Santa Margarita have launched a Food Scrap Recycling Program that will conveniently collect food scraps from commercial businesses and transport them to be processed. By diverting organic material from landfills, you will help reduce negative environmental impacts created by greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, food waste material will be made into renewable natural gas and compost to improve soil for agriculture. The Food Scrap Recycling Program is **offered at a reduced cost of trash service**, so your property may be able to comply with the requirements without seeing increases in total disposal costs. If your business is not in compliance with state-mandated SB 1383 organic material collection, please contact us to bring your property into compliance.

### AB 827

Requires businesses serving food and beverages without formal staff to make composting and recycling bins accessible to customers and clearly marked with educational signage indicating what is accepted in the local solid waste programs.

Additional information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>.

## FOOD WASTE RECYCLING

Returning organic materials to the soil significantly reduces the environmental impacts of landfills, reduces greenhouse gases, creates jobs, and helps sustain California's agricultural industry. CR&R has developed a Food Waste Recycling collection program to assist businesses comply with State and local regulations.

### Have excess food to donate?

It is mandatory by law for large generators such as grocery stores, large restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and other venues to participate in food donation programs by January 2024. Contact one of CR&R's Food Rescue Partners:

About Food Care at <https://www.aboundfoodcare.org/>  
<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/jurisdictions/>



**About Food Care**

# FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM GUIDE



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## Senate Bill 1383: Organic Waste Reduction

Senate Bill 1383 requires all commercial businesses to participate in their jurisdiction's organics collection program in order to reduce landfill waste and pollution. CR&R provides convenient food waste collection services for food waste generators along with the training and resources necessary for successful implementation.

For more information on Senate Bill 1383 please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp). To find out how CR&R processes organic waste into new products, visit [crrwasteservices.com/services/organics-processing/](http://crrwasteservices.com/services/organics-processing/).

### YES

Place the following items in your food waste container:

- All food preparation scraps
- All table scraps
- Solidified fats or greases
- Spoiled food

Make food waste containers easily accessible for staff.

Make sure containers are labeled correctly so staff knows what material goes in each container.

Provide training to staff. CR&R is available to assist in any training program.

### NO

Do NOT place the following in your food waste collection container:

- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal
- Liquids
- Styrofoam
- Trash
- Paper
- Green/Yard Waste

Green/Yard Waste collection service available upon request.

Do not overfill container. Food waste is much heavier than regular trash.



**Helpful Tip:** Bagging food waste for collection with clear or compostable liners is recommended. Liners can help maintain a clean container and minimize odors.

## Food Waste Collection Container Size

Food Waste Cart  
64 GALLON



**Right-Sizing and Adjusting Services:** Increasing recycling and lowering trash services can help your business minimize disposal costs. Contact our Sustainability Coordinators at [RSM-Recycles@crrmail.com](mailto:RSM-Recycles@crrmail.com) in order to get free technical assistance for adjusting your solid waste services.

# COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

## PROGRAM GUIDE

### Dry Recycling Collection

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) and Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) requires all jurisdictions to support the statewide goal of 75% diversion from landfill. All businesses are required to participate in recycling programs.

CR&R provides convenient dry recycling collection services along with the training and resources necessary for successful implementation.

For more information on Mandatory Commercial Recycling please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial).

### Container Sizes

#### Recycle Cart



64 GALLON  
96 GALLON

#### Recycle Bin



3-YARD  
4-YARD

#### PAPER

- Magazines
- Phone Books
- Newspaper
- Cardboard (Flattened)
- Milk or Juice Cartons

#### METAL

- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans

#### GLASS

- Bottles and Jars

#### PLASTICS

- Drink Bottles
- Detergent Containers
- Milk Containers

### FREE Recycling Assistance

For a free waste evaluation or additional information on recycling compliance, contact our Sustainability Coordinators at [RSM-Recycles@crrmail.com](mailto:RSM-Recycles@crrmail.com).



## TEMPORARY COLLECTIONS



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## BULKY ITEMS, ELECTRONIC WASTE and WHITE GOODS



Items that cannot properly fit in your container, such as a chair or desk, are considered bulky items and require a special pick up. Electronic waste (e-waste) is anything with a circuit board, battery powered or with a power cord. White goods (e.g. refrigerators, freezers) and e-waste cannot be disposed of in your container. CR&R will collect and properly recycle these items on an on-call basis. For pricing and scheduling, please call customer service.

[illegible]

Hazardous waste are products that are flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. Discarded batteries are hazardous waste in California. Therefore, it is illegal to dispose of them in regular trash or recycling; so do not place them in any of your collection containers. This includes batteries of all types and sizes: Alkaline (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt), Lithium-ion (button cell, power tool batteries, camera batteries, other electronics), Ni-Cad (power tools), rechargeable and single use.

**Why is it important? Lithium-ion batteries can cause fires in recycling centers, landfills, and garbage and recycling trucks when improperly disposed.**



For additional information: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/>

Examples of Hazardous Waste include:

- *Fluorescent light tubes*
- *Household batteries*
- *Latex or water based paint*
- *Non empty aerosol cans*
- *Thermostats*
- *High intensity discharge lamps*

For more information on Battery and Hazardous Waste disposal options for your business, contact the County of Orange at 714.834.6752 or <http://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous/bus>.

**Holiday Schedule: Non-Collection Days**

<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>

If the holiday falls during the week, collection services for the remainder of that week may be postponed by one day.

**Customer Service**  
**877.728.0446**  
**crrinc.com**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

