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CITY OF POMONA
SB 1383 ORGANICS AND FOOD RECOVERY

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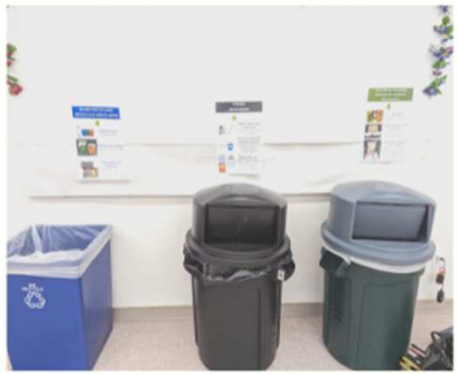

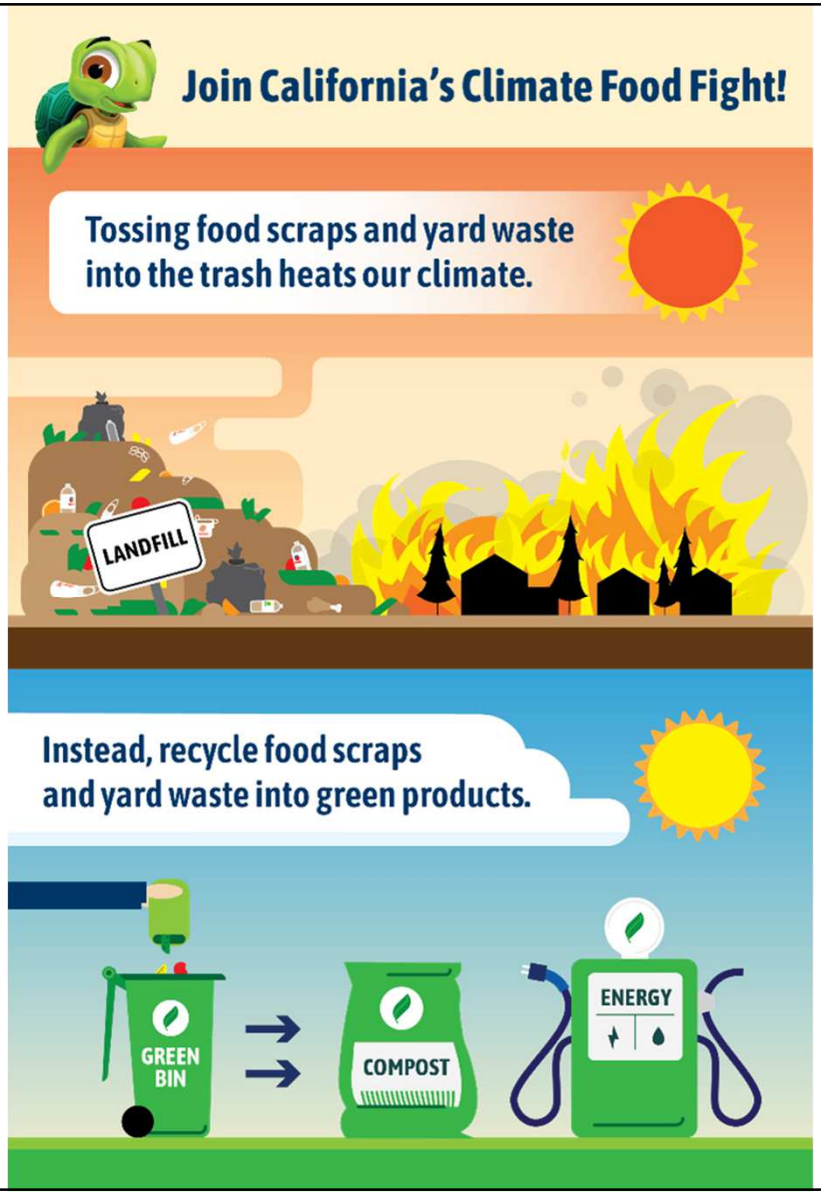

What is SB 1383?

Senate Bill 1383 was passed in 2016 and is part of a statewide effort to reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (like methane gas) in various sectors of California's economy by:

- Reducing the amount of organic waste going to the landfills (50% reduction by 2020, 75% by 2025).
- Rescuing at least 20% of edible food that is currently going to the landfills by 2025 and redirecting it to people who need it.

What is Organic Waste?

Organic waste is not just organic produce: It is anything that came from a plant or an animal, such as food, food-soiled paper, yard waste, untreated wood, cardboard, paper products, etc.

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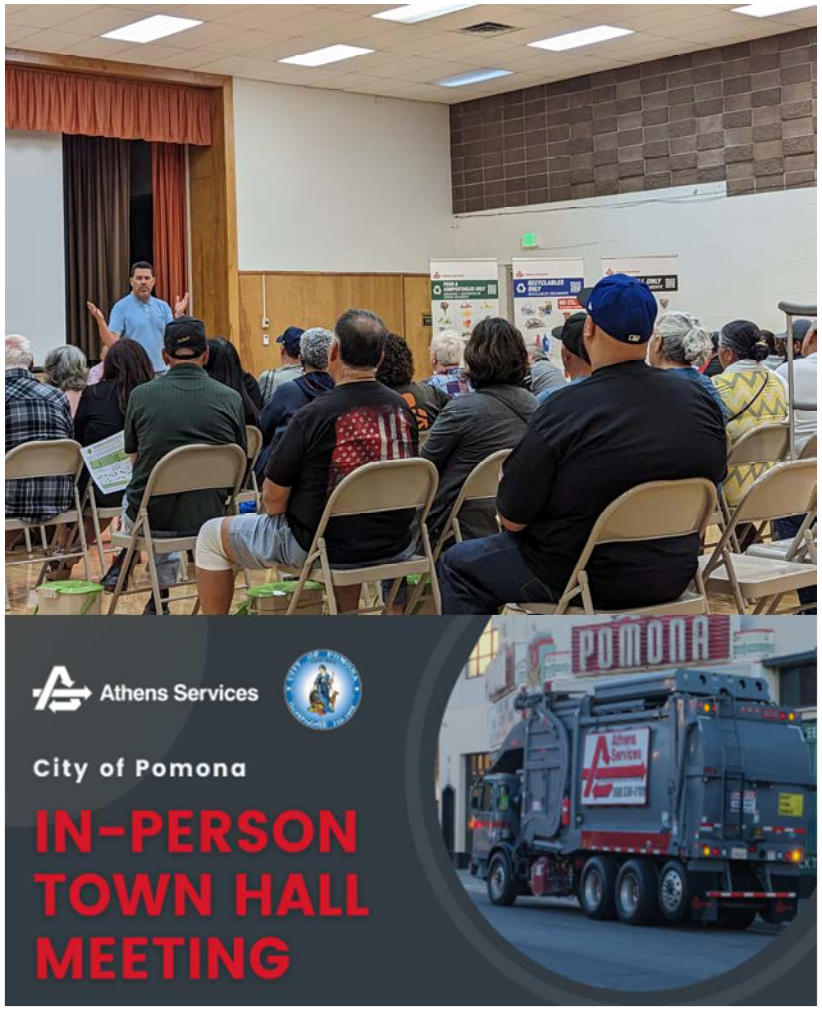
City of Pomona

"Pomona" – The Roman Goddess of fruit and fruitful abundance, was incorporated in 1888 and became a Charter City in 1911. Pomona is the 7th largest city in Los Angeles County with a current population of over 151,000 people.

Background on Solid Waste Program:

- The City of Pomona managed residential services for 26k+ customers up to June 2023.
- Multi-family/Commercial Business (15k+) customers were managed by four separate waste haulers.
- Due to the high cost of implementing organics recycling programs, a solid waste rate study was completed by R3 Consulting, which recommended that the City consider consolidating both commercial and residential services to a new "exclusive" franchise hauler.



SB 1383 Compliance Milestones

- ✓ SB 1383 Ordinance and Code Update (Sept 2021)
- ✓ RFP for Solid Waste Services (Nov 2021)
- ✓ Updated Purchasing Ordinance (Nov 2021)
- ✓ CalRecycle Notice of Intent to Comply (Feb 2022)
  - ✓ The City is on track with SB 1383 compliance through a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and provides bi-monthly progress reports.
- ✓ Received SB 1383 grant assistance to fund 1 full-time staff member and materials/supplies (July 2022).
- ✓ Pomona City Council Awards Exclusive Franchise Hauler Agreement to Athens Services (Oct 2022) Effective July 2023, for an initial term of 10 years.

SB 1383: Food Waste Reduction Law
An unfunded State mandate

1. **Provide Organics Collection Service to all Residents and Businesses:** Exclusive Franchise Hauler Agreement with Athens Services was effective July 2023.

2. **Establish Edible Food Recovery Program:** This includes food recovery capacity planning and building to recover more edible food for our community.

3. **Conduct Education & Outreach:** Both Organics Collection & Edible Food Recovery Program.

4. **Enforcement Actions:** Starting January 2024, the City can cite and fine non-compliant entities. The City will focus on education and outreach before any fines are issued.

5. **Recovered Organic Waste Procurement (ROWP) and Recycled-Content Paper:** The City and hired contractors must purchase recycled content products. The City must track the use of renewable energy used to heat facilities and fuel vehicles. The City must procure 17,553 cubic yards (CY) of compost annually (based on 2021 population).

Pomona's ROWP Annual Target
17,553 CY of Compost
192 Sport Fields (91.42 CY each)
9 Golf Courses (1,950 CY each)

SB 1383 in Action

Collection Services for all Residents and Businesses

Three-Container "source separated" Collection Service

- Organics are prohibited from black/grey containers
- All organic waste is segregated for collection and recycling

City Facility Initiatives

We are role models for our community.

Trash Enclosures and Organics Bins Added to City Hall and Library

Public Works funded $40k project to enlarge City Hall and Library trash enclosures for organics recycling bins. An additional $20k for bins was grant-funded.

Recycling and Organic Waste Collection at City Facilities

Centralized locations for bins throughout City Hall & City facilities were funded through the CalRecycle Grant. Desk-side bins were removed to promote the use of stations & limit contamination.

Recycled Content, Purchasing and Contracts

Document post-consumer recycled content paper and janitorial products. Ensure consultant contracts include the requirement to purchase recycled products.

City Facilities Program

- Educational materials, complete with Green Recycle Hero mascot!
- 2 Senior Center Meal Programs
- 30 Resource Recovery Stations
- Monthly Site Visits
- Quarterly updates to staff
- Ongoing Education & Support

Community Programs

Building sustainable programs, education, and outreach for the benefit of our community.

Edible Food Recovery & Planning

Partnership with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Edible Food Recovery Program. God's Pantry Food Hub is located in Pomona.

Senior Meal & After School Recycling & Organic Waste Collection

City staff assists with training and provides ongoing education.

Education and Outreach at City Events

Partnering with departments to conduct outreach and support current programs.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Regional Edible Food Recovery Program

Inspections and Enforcement: Identify Food Recovery Organizations (FROs) and Food Generators (large grocery stores and restaurants) within the city's jurisdiction.

Subregional Food Hub, God's Pantry: Expand the region's capacity to recover food and address food insecurity.

- Formal agreement between FRO and Edible Food Generators (EFGs).
- FRO must maintain records and report quantities of foods recovered annually to the jurisdiction.

Current Giveaways

The City receives grants to pay for kitchen pails and compost bins for Pomona residents!

Kitchen Pails to Encourage Organics Recycling

Limited supply – 1 per Pomona household. Available for all residential and multi-family units.

Compost Bins for Home Composting

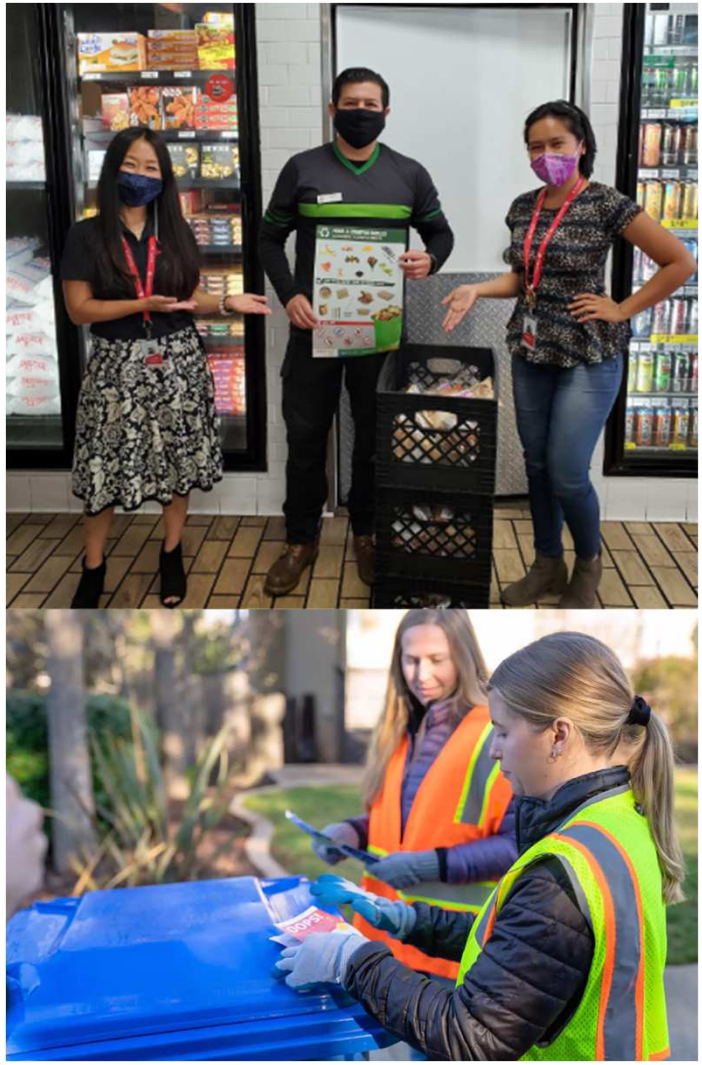
Limited supply – 1 per Pomona household. Must complete a Smart Gardening workshop.

Organics and Recycling Newsletter

Subscribe to get updates on giveaways. Learn more about organics and recycling in Pomona.

SB 1383 Implementation Next Steps

- Budget and grant funding for programs and staffing.
- SB 1383 Compliance and Enforcement Plan includes ongoing education and outreach. More field staff?
- Route Reviews and contamination minimization.
- Partner with SGVCOG on Regional Food Recovery.
- Working with hauler to meet annual goal for Recovered Organic Waste Procurement (ROWP).
- Recordkeeping and data management.



Key Takeaways

- The first steps to bring your jurisdiction into SB 1383 compliance is education and outreach.
- By implementing programs at all city facilities, Pomona's strategy centered on being good role models and leaders for our community.
- A good relationship with the waste hauler(s) and departments are critical to the implementation and success of programs.
- Consistent communication with CalRecycle ensures jurisdiction is on track for SB 1383 compliance.
- Leverage existing programs when funds are limited.

Questions?

Learn More About Pomona SB 1383 Programs

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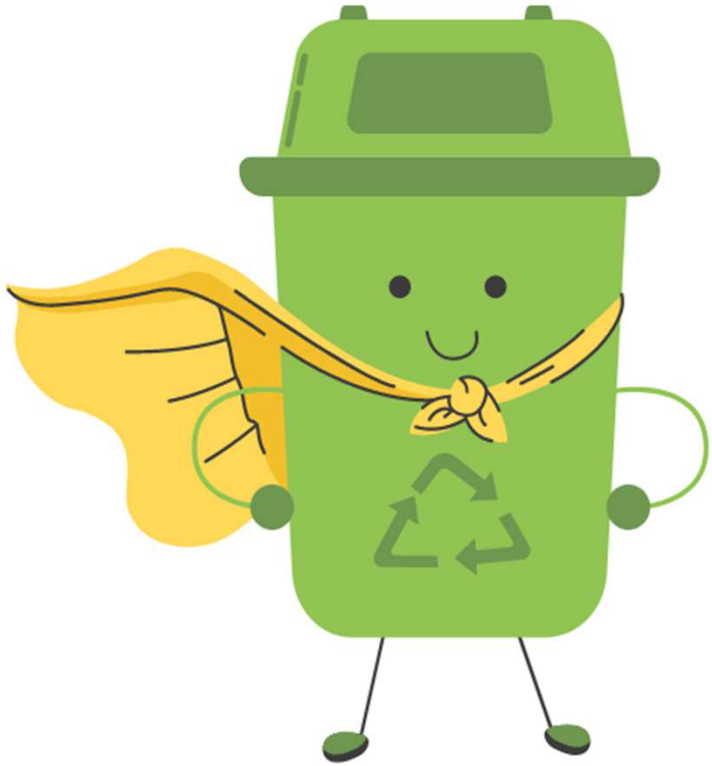

Be a Recycle Hero!