

Frequently Asked Questions about SB 1383

The City of Rialto is preparing for changes to residential and commercial trash, recycling, food, and yard waste collection services in 2024. We have prepared this FAQ to keep you informed.

On March 8, 2022, to meet State requirements, the Rialto City Council passed a new ordinance that requires organic waste collection services for all residents. This includes the collection of yard waste and food waste. Organic waste collection is already available to commercial establishments, and the City is on track to provide these new services to all residents by January 1, 2024.

Q. What is SB 1383?

A. Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) is a law enacted by the State of California to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (like organic waste) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills (50% reduction by 2020 and 75% by 2025). It also sets a goal to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed of edible food by 2025 and redirect that food to people in need. For more information, please visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp/>

Q. How will this law help the environment?

A. Landfill gas created by decomposing organic waste is a significant source of overall greenhouse gas emissions. This law helps California achieve its aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals and address climate change by reducing materials in the landfill which produce gas.

Q. What is Organic Waste?

A. The state defines "Organic Waste" as food, landscape and pruning trimmings, lumber, wood, manure, cardboard, paper products, printing and writing paper, and other plant and animal-based products. This includes items such as food-soiled paper, such as pizza boxes, paper plates, and napkins.

Q. When will residential Organic Waste service begin in Rialto?

A. SB 1383 became effective January 1, 2022. The City's has been granted an extension from CalRecycle with a deadline to comply with SB 1383 by January 1, 2024. It is the City of Rialto's goal to introduce the organic waste recycling program during the summer of 2023.

Q. Who must comply with the new law?

A. The law affects all California residents, including those in single and multi-family residential complexes, commercial businesses, and schools. Currently, commercial businesses have containers to recycle food waste and should continue to do so. Businesses not yet recycling organic waste should consult with Burrtec Waste about the services available to them now.

Q. Will Rialto residents get a new barrel for Food Waste Recycling?

A. Once the Organic Waste Recycling program begins in Rialto, residents will be asked to bag their food waste and dispose of the bags in their green waste containers. For those customers who currently have only a trash and recycling cart, you will receive a third cart for organics collection. *This program begins January 1, 2024. Prior to this date, the green waste barrel should only be used for green/landscaping waste.

Q. I do not produce organic waste; I compost at home. Can I opt out of the program?

A. No, even though the City encourages backyard composting, the State requires participation in SB 1383. According to SB 1383, all residential, multi-family, and commercial businesses are required to recycle organic waste that is generated onsite. This program is designed to address items like meat, bones, and dairy that are not suitable in backyard composting bins.

Q. Can I cancel my trash service?

A. No, trash and recycling service is mandatory for all residential and commercial properties within the City, per Municipal Code Section **8.08.230**.

Q. Will this affect future trash rates?

A. Yes, an increase in the trash rates is expected with the State's adoption of SB 1383. The new State mandate requires all residents, and businesses, to divert waste from landfills by recycling food waste and landscape waste. The increase in refuse rates is required to cover the cost of additional outreach, program compliance to the State mandates and service equipment required by SB 1383. Increases to disposal and processing costs, as well as the cost of adding food waste collection services for residents will also be factored into the rate increase. The City will evaluate all aspects of the new program requirements and will do its best to minimize the impact on Rialto customers.

Q. Is there a discounted or senior rate option?

A. Yes, Burrtec offers senior rate discounts. To qualify for the rate, you must be the primary account holder for the service location and provide proof of being 62 years old or more. An example of an acceptable form of proof of age is a driver's license or other government-issued identification.

This option requires you to downsize the trash container to a smaller, 40-gallon barrel. If your household does not produce much trash, recycling, or organic waste and you would like to apply for the Senior rate, contact Burrtec Waste at (909) 877-1996. Please note that the standard barrel is 65 gallons.

*Only after the organic waste recycling program has begun and after ample public education and outreach will the City begin to enforce the Ordinance.