

SB 1383 Organics Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) is California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants law to reduce methane created when organic material (food scraps, yard trimmings, etc.) is buried in landfills. If you're a resident or a business looking for service details and how to manage organic waste, visit the City of Burbank's main SB 1383 page burbankca.gov/web/public-works/sb1383.

Below are answers to common questions.

How does SB 1383 reduce methane emissions?

When food and yard waste are landfilled, they decompose without oxygen and generate methane, a potent greenhouse gas. SB 1383 requires cities to **separately collect organics (in a green cart)** so they can be turned into compost or energy instead of going to landfill.



What is "organic" waste?



A helpful reminder is ***if it grows*** it goes in the green organic waste recycling bin! If it's capable of decaying, it should be separated from trash and placed in the green cart.

What will happen to my organic waste once collected?

City-serviced organics are transferred to the Burbank Landfill, checked for contaminants, and transported to Recology Blossom Valley Organics for composting. Some multifamily and private-hauler commercial accounts may use different approved processing (e.g., waste-to-energy); check your hauler's instructions.

Accepted green cart items:

- **Food scraps:** fruit/vegetables, meat & bones, dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds/filters, cooked food (even spoiled)
- **Yard trimmings:** plants, cut flowers, leaves, branches, and grass
- **Food-soiled paper (unlined/uncoated):** napkins, paper towels, paper plates, wooden utensils, and the greasy side of cardboard pizza boxes

Not accepted green cart items:

- **Plastics (all):** *wraps, utensils, produce stickers, and "compostable" or bioplastic products*
- **Biological items:** *pet waste, diapers*
- **Rocks/dirt**
- **Glass**
- **Treated wood**
- **Textiles/leather**



A full list of acceptable items can be found at burbankca.gov/web/public-works/accepted-organics

How can i keep my green cart clean?



- Collect food scraps using the kitchen pail provided by the City, or another closed container, and empty the contents of the pail into the green bin.
- Drain as much liquid as possible before collecting food scraps.
- Wrap food scraps in paper (napkins, paper towels or bag) to absorb excess liquids and grease.
- Place food scraps in the freezer or refrigerator before the scheduled pick up. This slows down the decomposition process and can help prevent odors and pests, especially in warmer months.
- Layer yard trimmings or a greasy pizza box before adding food to the green bin.
- Rinse your green bin with mild soap and water when necessary. Make sure to pour dirty water onto your lawn to prevent flowing into the storm drain.

Where can i pick up a free food scrap pail?

Burbank residents can pick up a pail through several options:

- **Burbank Recycle Center Office** - 500 S. Flower Street (Mon-Fri, 8am – 12pm and 1pm– 5pm)
- **Burbank Water and Power Conservation Desk** - 164 W. Magnolia Blvd (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm)
- **Burbank Field Services** - 124 S. Lake Street (Mon-Fri, 7:30am – 4pm)
- **Burbank Farmer's Market** - LA Compost booth (Saturdays, 8am-12pm)

This is also a drop-off for household food waste lacompost.org/farmersmarkets

- **Upcoming distribution events:** burbankca.gov/web/public-works/food-scrap-pail

NOTE: City-supplied plastic pail bases can be used in the dishwasher but not the lids.

If your lid has cracked and is no longer usable, it can be recycled since it's #2 plastic.



I don't have access to recycling (blue) or organics (green) service. How can i get it?

Multi-family residents and tenants: Your property owner or manager is responsible for providing trash, recycling, and organics service under state law (SB 1383). If you do not have blue and green containers on site, please contact your property manager or HOA to request service.

Report a lack of service (anonymous OK): Use the Our Burbank 311 app or access it through the City's website: 311.burbankca.gov/

I have additional questions.

Where it oes

Find answers to many of your disposal questions with the City of Burbank's **Where it Goes** guide, an online search tool with information on over 400 materials.

burbankca.gov/web/public-works/where-it-goes

Send any questions to:
zerowaste@burbankca.gov

For more information on organics management:
burbankca.gov/web/public-works/organics-recycling



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