



SB 1383 Statewide Organic Waste Regulations Waste Diversion Requirements for Public Events

California [Senate Bill 1383](#), aims to keep organics and recyclable materials out of landfills. When organic materials break down in a landfill, they produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. SB 1383 mandates that all large food generating events source separate organics from the waste stream and have a plan in place to donate any edible food. All events are required to source separate out recyclables.

[California's Large Venue Recycling law \(Public Resources Code 42648\)](#) requires large venue facilities and large events in each city and county to plan for solid waste separation and, upon request, report information regarding their waste reduction efforts to their local jurisdiction.

Set Up Landfill, Recyclable, and Organic Waste Collection Services

Events must arrange for landfill, recyclable, and organics collection services. This can be accomplished in the following ways:

- Use existing landfill, recyclable, and organics containers at the event venue with permission.
- Set up temporary landfill, recyclable, and organics collection services. Recology Butte Colusa Counties (RBCC) is authorized to provide this service. RBCC can be reached at 530.533.5868 or RBCCWasteZero@recology.com.

Set Up Three Stream Waste Stations

All food-generating events must have three-stream waste stations where attendees and vendors sort their discards. Events that do not generate food waste must have 2-stream waste stations. These must be placed wherever waste is generated and must include landfill (gray containers), recyclables (blue containers), and organics (green containers). These containers must possess labels and signage showing which materials are accepted in each. Download [premade guides and signage here](#).

We suggest using clear bags to line event-provided recycling and organics collection containers, and black bags for landfill. Recyclables and organics must be discarded loose (unbagged) into Recology-provided collection containers, as plastic bags are not accepted.

If the event is on public property, place a three-stream waste station in front of each street litter receptacle to encourage sorting. This will also avoid attendees using and overfilling the City's street litter cans. Place three-stream waste stations near portable restrooms and dispose of paper towels with organics.



Implement Waste Diversion Quality Control

Event staff are required to ensure attendees and vendors sort their waste correctly. This can be accomplished by training volunteers to monitor waste stations and assist attendees on what-goes-where.

- You can request training from RBCC's Waste Zero team: RBCCWasteZero@recology.com.
- Share waste sorting information with vendors before your event using this [one-page sorting guide](#).

Encourage Reusable or Compostable Food Ware

Use of reusable or compostable food service ware is strongly encouraged. Note that "compostable" plastics are not accepted in organics containers. Consider replacing:

- Styrofoam food containers, cups, and trays with unwaxed and uncoated paper-based food packaging.
- Single-use plastic containers, straws, and cups with paper straws and cups and bamboo cutlery.
- Aluminum foil with paper sheets, baking paper etc.
- Plastic bags and wrap with unwaxed butcher paper and paper bags.

Prevent Edible Food Waste

Diverting edible food from the waste stream is required under SB 1383 and local City Ordinance. You can do this in the following ways:

- Have volunteers or event staff take extra food home.
- Encourage vendors to sell food at a discount for the last hour or 30 minutes.
- Arrange for excess food to be collected by a food recovery organization.
 - View the City of Oroville's [Food Donation Requirements](#)
 - <https://530foodrescue.org/>

Order Hydration Stations

For the health and safety of your guests, vendors, and staff, and to reduce waste, water refill stations are strongly encouraged. Remind guests to bring their refillable water bottles or use reusable event cups to stay hydrated throughout the event!

QUESTIONS?

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