



[Mailing Name]  
[Mailing Address]  
[Mailing City], [Mailing State] [Mailing Zip]

**SUBJECT: Subscribe to Required [Required Service - Subject] Service or Apply for a Waiver**

All businesses and multifamily properties in Alameda County are required to have compost (organics) and recycling collection service or have a waiver on file. These requirements were established by California Senate Bill 1383 in an effort to help fight climate change.

**Our records indicate that [site name] located at [site address] in [site city] has not subscribed to the required [required service - body] collection service nor has a waiver on file.**

StopWaste is beginning to take enforcement action against sites in violation of the law. Starting fines will range from \$50 to \$100, depending on the size of your garbage service. Fines will double, then increase again for any site that continues to not have the required service, for total fine amounts per violation reaching up to \$500.

**Please contact [hauler name] at [hauler phone] to subscribe to [required service - body] collection service.**

**Waivers:** Sites that generate a minimal amount of compostable/organic waste (food scraps, compostable paper, and plant material) or recyclable materials, or sites that do not have the physical space to accommodate the necessary collection containers may qualify for a waiver. For more information, visit [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Waivers](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Waivers).

*If your site already has compost and recycling collection service and you believe this notice is in error, please submit proof of service at [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Comply](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Comply).*



### Free Assistance



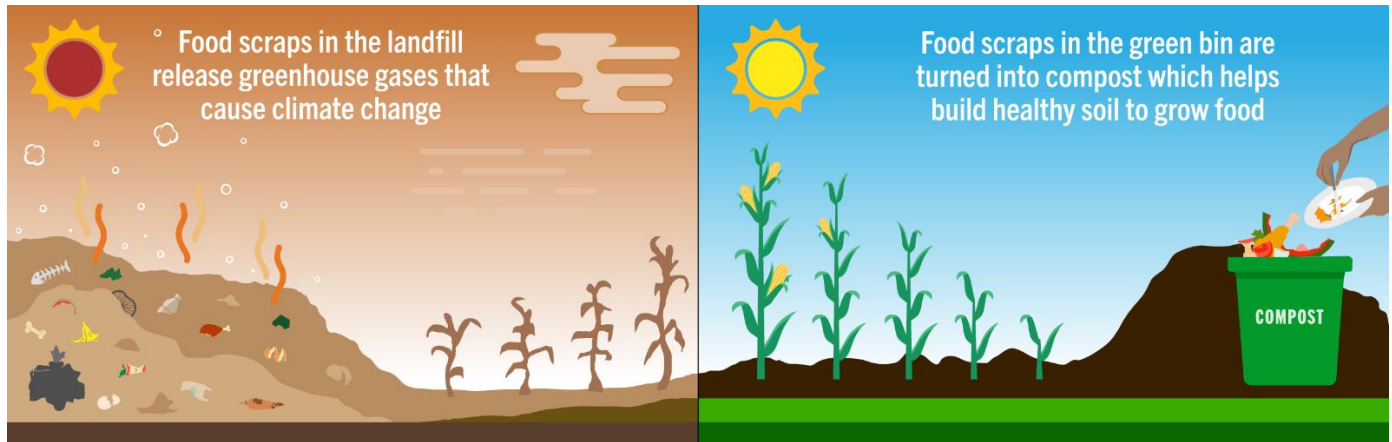
If you would like assistance adding compost or recycling collection service, or applying for a waiver, go to [www.StopWaste.org/Request-Help](http://www.StopWaste.org/Request-Help) or call (510) 891-6575 to leave a message for a call back. Our field team is also available to help set up indoor bins and train staff.

中文 (Chinese), 한국어인 (Korean), Español (Spanish), and Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese): [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Languages](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Languages)

## SB 1383 and the Organics Reduction & Recycling Ordinance

### Background

When food and plant material break down in a landfill they release methane, a harmful greenhouse gas and leading cause of global warming and climate change.





To respond to the climate crisis, California passed Senate Bill 1383 to reduce the amount of food scraps and other compostable materials sent to landfills. In Alameda County, the state law is being implemented and enforced under the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance, which was passed by local government agency StopWaste. StopWaste partners with the cities of Alameda County, their solid waste service providers, and the environmental health departments to help sites with compliance and enforce the law when needed.

### Steps to comply with the law

1. Sign up for compost (organics) and recycling collection services.
2. Place color-coded and labeled compost and recycling bins next to all garbage bins (not required in restrooms).
3. Sort materials into the proper bins.
4. Educate employees, contractors, and tenants about the law at least annually and check bins periodically.

In addition to the steps above, some businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—must donate their surplus edible food to feed people.

 Free indoor green bins, stickers, a sign maker tool, training videos, and more are available at: [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources) 

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