

Lompoc Introduces Food Scraps Recycling for City Residents and Businesses

Why is the City launching food scraps recycling?

The State of California passed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) which requires every city and county in the state to reduce 75% of all organic waste disposal by 2025. Beginning 2022, all California residents, businesses, and multifamily dwellings are required to separate food and yard waste from their regular trash. Food and yard waste are to be placed in customers' organics carts (green lid with gray body). For more information about SB 1383, visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp.

What is the purpose of SB 1383?

The purpose of SB 1383 is to reduce organic waste from going to landfills, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions and slows climate change.



(Green lid)

Food scraps and yard waste are the only acceptable materials in the organics container. Food scraps include vegetables, fruit, meat, bread, seafood, cheese, pizza, tea bags, coffee grounds, and bones.



(Blue lid)

Recyclable material includes bottles, cans, paper, junk mail, flattened cardboard, milk jugs, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil trays, empty cereal boxes, tin cans, and envelopes.



(Gray lid)

All other items belong in the trash container. This includes broken glass, pizza boxes, plastic coated containers, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, take-out food containers, diapers, coffee pods/k-cups, plastic bags and containers.

How can customers start food scraps recycling?

If you do not already have an organics container (formally referred to as green waste containers), please call the Solid Waste office at (805) 875-8024 option #2. These containers are offered at no additional charge.



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