

City of Hesperia SB 1383: Reducing Organic Waste

What is SB 1383?

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of shortlived climate pollutants. SB 1383 establishes targets to:

- Achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.
- Recover not less than 20% of currently disposed food for human consumption by 2025.

SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to implement mandatory organic waste collection and recycling in this statewide effort to divert organic waste from landfills.

Advance Disposal takes care of recycling all your organic waste, so you don't have to worry!

Advance Disposal, the City of Hesperia's franchise waste hauler, utilizes a comingled single can service, which means all trash, recyclables, and organic waste is sorted and separated at their Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Advance Disposal uses special equipment to separate and divert organic material from the waste stream. These efforts result in a high landfill diversion rate which allows Advance Disposal to operate as a High Diversion Organic Waste Processing Facility (HDOWPF).

You can help with diversion too!

Using your organic waste for composting is a great way to do your part in reducing organic waste

Composting Organic Material at Home

Compost is an organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Many types of food waste and yard waste can be composted at home, including grass clippings, tree and shrub trimmings, vegetable garden and fruit tree waste, lawn clippings, autumn leaves, coffee grounds, and fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen.

There are different ways to compost at home. Learn how by checking out these websites:

- https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost
- https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home
- https://www.epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin

Benefits of Composting at Home

- Reduces your waste stream at home
- Reduces methane emissions from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint
- Enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant disease and pests
- Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers
- Encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material