



City of Tustin

# Commercial Recycling Guide



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as a reference for

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# California Waste and Recycling Laws

SB 1383 requires all commercial businesses to reduce their organic waste disposed in landfills. SB 1383 promotes edible food diversion, organic recycling, and lowering contamination levels in all waste streams. Organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, contribute to greenhouse gas emissions when anaerobically decomposed in landfills.



CR&R will collect your organic waste and transport it to one of its composting facilities. At this facility, the organic material is converted into compost.

## California Assembly Bill 827

Enacted July 1, 2020, AB 827 requires all food generating businesses to provide front-of-house source separation waste containers for customer use. Full-service restaurants (i.e. sit-down restaurants) are not required to provide front-of-house source separation containers to customers, as employees dispose of customers' waste utilizing back-of-house containers.



CR&R's dedicated Tustin Sustainability Team is available to provide on-site SB 1383 and AB 827 training to business owners and their employees. Additionally, our Sustainability Team can create custom waste and recycling programs to comply with SB 1383 and provide additional insight on AB 827 requirements.

# Commercial Special Services

## Commercial Scout Service

If your bins are further than 75' from the collection vehicle, CR&R will collect your containers utilizing a special truck. The containers will be serviced and put back in their enclosure for an additional monthly charge.

## Temporary Services

CR&R provides temporary services for construction and clean up projects. Bin sizes for temporary services vary from 3-yard bins to 40-yard rolloff bins.



## Commercial Cart and Bin Service Options

Tustin's businesses may elect to use a customized waste and recycling program utilizing carts or bins that best suit their properties needs.

**For additional information on CR&R's cart and bin service options, special services, or temporary services, please call Tustin's dedicated Customer Service at (714) 372 - 8272**

### Landfill Service

- 35 Gallon Cart
- 65 Gallon Cart
- 95 Gallon Cart
- 1.5 Yard (1/2 of split bin)
- 2 Yard (1/2 of split bin)
- 3 Yard
- 4 Yard



### Recycling Service - Single-stream Recycling Materials

- 35 Gallon Cart
- 65 Gallon Cart
- 95 Gallon Cart
- 1.5 Yard (1/2 of split bin)
- 2 Yard (1/2 of split bin)
- 3 Yard
- 4 Yard



### Organics Recycling Service - Food Scraps and Yard Waste

- 35 Gallon Cart
- 65 Gallon Cart
- 2 Yard



# What Goes Where

Use these guidelines below when sorting your waste and recycling materials:

LANDFILL	RECYCLABLES	ORGANICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken Glass</li> <li>• Candy Wrappers</li> <li>• Ceramics</li> <li>• Chip Bags</li> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Coffee Pods/K Cups</li> <li>• Hangers</li> <li>• Mirrors</li> <li>• Mixed Products (i.e. Plastic/Metal Combination)</li> <li>• Non-Numbered Plastics</li> <li>• Palm Fronds</li> <li>• Pet Waste/Litter</li> <li>• Plastic Film</li> <li>• Plates, Cups, Towels, and Napkins</li> <li>• Polystyrene</li> </ul>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluminum Foil</li> <li>• Aluminum &amp; Tin Cans</li> <li>• Cardboard (flattened)</li> <li>• Detergent Containers</li> <li>• Empty Aerosol cans</li> <li>• Glass</li> <li>• Magazines &amp; Junk Mail</li> <li>• Metal</li> <li>• Milk Containers</li> <li>• Paper (Computer, White, Colored, Shredded, Newspaper)</li> <li>• Plastics (Numbers 1 through 7)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plastic bags and baggies are not recyclable. These items should be placed in the landfill cart.</i></p>  	<p><b>From The Kitchen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bones</li> <li>• Bread/Grains/Pasta</li> <li>• Coffee Grinds</li> <li>• Dairy/Eggshells</li> <li>• Fats, Oils and Grease</li> <li>• Food Scraps/Leftovers</li> <li>• Food-Soiled Paper/Plates and Cups</li> <li>• Fruits</li> <li>• Meat/Poultry</li> <li>• Seafood/Shellfish</li> <li>• Vegetables</li> </ul> <p><b>From The Yard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flowers</li> <li>• Grass</li> <li>• Leaves</li> <li>• Prunings</li> <li>• Weeds</li> </ul> <p><b>No Palm Fronds</b></p>  

## Hazardous Waste is PROHIBITED in any of your containers.

It is important to properly separate your landfill, recycling, and organic materials. Placing items in the incorrect container results in less material being diverted from our landfills.

### Recycling Tips:

- Flatten your cardboard boxes to save space in your recycling container.
- Place your recyclable materials in your recycling container unbagged. Plastic bags are not allowed in the recycling or organics container



### Bulky Item Collection

Items that cannot properly fit in your container, such as a chair or a desk, are considered bulky items and require a special pickup. Commercial business owners must call in for a bulky pickup, which includes four (4) items per pickup.



# Edible Food Recovery Program

## ***Tier 1 and Tier 2 Generators***

SB 1383, also known as the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law, is a pivotal piece of legislation aimed at mitigating the environmental impact of organic waste in California. It targets the reduction of methane emissions, a potent greenhouse gas, generated by landfills.

Under SB 1383, there are two tiers of businesses with specific mandates regarding organic waste management.

### ***Tier 1***

Tier 1 businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate. They are required to comply with regulations that promote organic waste recycling and reduction.



### ***Tier 2***

Tier 2 businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements.



## ***How to Comply***

### ***Step 1***

Recover Edible Food

### ***Step 2***

Establish Written Agreement or Contract with the edible food recovery agency

### ***Step 3***

Recordkeeping and Reporting



Scan the QR code to obtain further information on edible food recovery.



# Good Samaritan Law

The Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, commonly known as the Good Samaritan Law, is a US federal statute enacted in 1996 to promote food donation to nonprofit organizations. The law shields food donors from civil and criminal liability if they donate in good faith to qualified nonprofits for charitable distribution, protecting them from damages or injuries caused by consumed food.

## **Major Agencies to Donate to in Orange County**

Food recovery organizations coordinate the retrieval of donated food from your business location and transport it to nonprofit recipients such as shelters, food kitchens, pantries, or missions. For additional information regarding food donation agencies, please scan the QR code.



## **Tips to Prevent Food Waste**

- Provide complimentary recycled food boxes for customers to take home their leftovers.
- Only order the amount of food you need.
- Freeze food when applicable to safely store it for a later use.
- Repurpose unused food into new meals.

## **Benefits of Food Recovery Programs**

**1. Support for Food-Insecure Communities:** Edible food donations provide nutritious meals to individuals and families facing food insecurity, helping to alleviate hunger and improve overall well-being.

**2. Promotion of Sustainability:** By diverting food waste from landfills, edible food recovery supports sustainable practices and conserves valuable natural resources, such as water and energy, used in food production.

**3. Legal Compliance:** Compliance with food recovery regulations, such as those outlined in legislation like SB 1383, helps businesses avoid potential fines, penalties, and reputational damage associated with non-compliance.

**4. Positive Public Image:** Participating in edible food recovery programs enhances a company's reputation and brand perception by demonstrating a commitment to environmental stewardship, social equity, and community support.



# Non-Containerization



Non-containerization occurs when landfill, recyclable, or organic materials are not placed in a CR&R provided container with the lid fully closed. Items placed outside of any CR&R container will not be serviced.

For questions regarding container sizing and non-containerization please contact our Tustin Sustainability Team at [Tustin-Recycles@crrmail.com](mailto:Tustin-Recycles@crrmail.com)



## Where Do Your Materials Go After Collection?

### ***Landfill Material***

The materials placed in your landfill container cannot be recycled or repurposed into something new. These items are taken to one of the landfills in Orange County for disposal.



### ***Recyclables***

The recyclables from your recycling container are processed at CR&R's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The recyclables are separated utilizing a process of manual and mechanical sorting.



### ***Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings***

The food scraps and yard trimmings from your organics container are taken to one of CR&R's approved compost facilities.





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