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Subject: Senate Bill 1383 Requirements for Local Education Agencies

Dear {Insert Site Contact Name},

As of January 1, 2022, California state law Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires that all local education agencies (LEAs) comply with specific organic waste disposal reduction requirements.

SB 1383 is an important part of California's climate response, focusing on greenhouse gas emissions (such as methane) generated when organic materials like food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings decompose in landfills. SB 1383 sets ambitious goals to reduce methane emissions in California, including reducing overall organic materials disposal by 75% by 2025 and requiring the rescue at least 20% of currently disposed edible food to feed those who need it.

For impacted schools and districts including K-12 public and charter schools, school districts, and county offices of education, the state law will be enforced by CalRecycle. However, the City of Orange is required to provide annual education to ensure local education agencies are aware of the following organic materials recycling and edible food recovery requirements:

Organic Materials Recycling Requirements for LEAs (Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Subscribe to organics collection services with a provider that transport the organics to a facility for recycling, or self-haul organics to a facility that can recover organics.
2. Set out a three-container system in all areas where disposal (trash) containers are located (except restrooms) for collection of organics, recyclables, and landfill materials. However, a school is not required to provide an internal collection container if a specific material type is not generated in a particular room (e.g., food waste in a classroom).
3. When purchasing new containers for collection of materials, the containers must be green for organics, blue for recycling, and black or gray for landfill. All containers must be properly labeled.
4. Properly separate organics including food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings from other streams.
5. Provide education to students and all staff on methods for preventing organic waste.
6. Periodically inspect organics containers for contamination and inform staff of contamination and proper disposal requirements.

Food Donation Requirements for LEAs (Effective January 1, 2024)

1. Arrange to recover the maximum amount of excess food that would otherwise go to landfills.
2. Establish and execute a formal agreement with food recovery organizations or services.
3. Maintain monthly records of type, frequency, and pounds of food donated and be prepared to provide this information upon request.

More Information

Visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/schools/> for more information on SB 1383 requirements, resources, and best management practices.

Contact your facility's waste hauling company to set up SB 1383 compliant collection services if your school facility does not have them already. For information to get started, relaunch, or improve your local education agency program, contact Joshua Soliz at jsoliz@cityoforange.org.

Sincerely,

City of Orange

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