



SPRING INTO COMPLIANCE

It's the perfect time of the year to ensure your business meets the regulations outlined in **California Senate Bill 1383**.

The state law requires commercial entities to divert organic materials (food scraps, yard trimmings, and soiled paper) from the landfill by participating in a collection program. It also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20% in 2025.

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

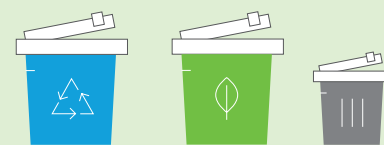
Use this checklist to help assess your compliance:

- ☐ Recycling, organics, and landfill containers are of adequate size and serviced frequently enough so that lids close tightly when set out for collection.
- ☐ All indoor receptacles are clearly labeled and/or color-coded — gray for

landfill, blue for recycling, and green for organics.

- ☐ Understand that overflowing or contaminated bins may not be serviced and/or could incur extra charges.
- ☐ Employees, customers, and tenants have access to recycling and organics receptacles wherever landfill cans are present in common areas.
- ☐ Employees or tenants receive yearly education about sorting correctly. State law requires these sessions to be logged with dates, names of participants, and training materials used.
- ☐ Understand that recycling, organics, and landfill containers are inspected for contamination by Recology collection drivers, Waste Zero auditors, and City recycling officials throughout the year.
- ☐ Business owners and property managers monitor containers for contamination and resolve issues.

- ☐ Have an agreement to donate leftover edible food to a local food recovery organization.
- ☐ Have a waiver from the City if you are using a third-party hauler or if your business does not generate organic materials, such as food scraps or yard trimmings.



Our Recology Waste Zero Team can help you establish robust recycling and organic programs at your place of business. We provide on-site training and presentations and deliver door hangers, flyers, and sorting guides. All free of charge!

Contact rbccwastezero@recology.com to learn more.



530 FOOD RESCUE

Do you own or manage a grocery store, restaurant, catering company, or other business with edible food surplus?

If so, consider donating to the **530 Food Rescue Coalition**, which is an app-based program that collects surplus food and delivers it to nonprofits serving people in

need. Simply download the app to request a pickup and 530 will collect, transport, and distribute donations the same day.

Donors to 530 Food Rescue have protection from liability under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan and Food Donation Improvement Act. Learn more at [530foodrescue.org](https://www.530foodrescue.org).



DEBRIS BOX SERVICE

When planning a construction or remodeling project, be sure to order a debris box from Recology. We will deliver and pick it up.

Recology rents debris boxes in 20-, 30-, and 40-cubic yard sizes for wood and general C&D debris, such as

metals, PVC, porcelain, and drywall. We offer a 10-cubic yard box for individual materials only — concrete, bricks, asphalt, glass, or dirt.

Recycling debris boxes are available upon request. We can also service your compactor.

Customers can get more details and place an order by visiting our website recology/butte-colusa-counties or by calling **530.533.5868**.

COMPOST PAPER TOWELS

Reduce items going to landfills and help absorb liquids and odors in the organics container by collecting used paper towels from restrooms.



Wet, dirty, or food-soiled paper put into organics containers is a great addition to the composting process.

But, if a paper towel has been used to clean up chemicals, oils, or other potentially hazardous materials, it should go in the landfill container.

LEARNING IN ACTION

Students clean up by recycling, composting

Wyandotte Academy, a local K-5 school, enthusiastically began recycling and composting programs under the tutelage of Recology Butte Colusa Counties Waste Zero Specialist Wesley Meador.

"Sorting food is great!" exclaims Wyandotte Office Manager Sandee Reynolds. She helped students see the connection between learning, composting lunch scraps, and nurturing the soils that grow our food by sharing a stanza of a William Wordsworth poem:

"Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds!"

Recology, which hopes to visit all 10 schools in Oroville, has helped five elementary schools implement recycling and composting programs. It's one way the company assists commercial enterprises in achieving



RBCC Waste Zero Specialist Wesley Meador encourages Wyandotte Academy students as they sort their lunch discards.

compliance with state law SB 1383, the mandatory composting law.

After a week of presentations and practicing sorting correctly, the the Wyandotte student council

established a "green team" to lead the programs and keep as much out of the landfill as possible.

In addition to sorting lunchtime food scraps, the school is putting blue bins for clean and dry paper discards in classrooms.

Wyandotte discards about 1,500 gallons of organics (food scraps, soiled paper, yard trimmings) each month. Schools generate a lot of food scraps, so the positive impact is significant when they participate in compost programs.

It also bodes well for the future, says Meador, because these kids will grow up knowledgeable about recycling and composting, bringing these good green habits into adulthood.

If your school or business needs help establishing or improving recycling and composting programs, email our Waste Zero team at rbccwastezero@recology.com.



**NEVER PLACE THESE
ITEMS IN YOUR
LANDFILL BIN**

- Sharps and Medication
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Flammables, Pesticides, or Herbicides
- Electronic Waste

Hazardous waste disposal by appointment only:
Recology Butte Colusa Counties
2720 South Fifth Avenue, Oroville 95965
9 AM – 2 PM first & third Fridays of the month

