

ATTENTION: New Composting Regulations Start January 1, 2022

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Composting your organic waste at home or placing it in your green compost container contributes to the City's overall efforts around sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For more information on the City's sustainability efforts, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/sustainability or email sustainability@cityofpaloalto.org.

New state rules on organic waste in effect as of January 1, 2022



**Composting
Organic Waste Reduces
Methane Emissions
and Slows
Global Warming**

Composting is Now Required

From increased wildfires to extreme weather, climate change is affecting all of us. In response, the State of California passed Senate Bill 1383, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas pollutants from a variety of sources.

What does composting have to do with climate change? When organic waste such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and paper products go into the landfill, they break down and release methane—a potent greenhouse gas. Composting produces significantly less methane, and reducing methane is the fastest way to slow global warming.

Palo Alto is already moving in the right direction, putting organic waste into the green compost container and reducing food waste. As of January 1, those efforts are required by state law.

Landfills are the third largest producers of methane in California, responsible for 20% of the state's methane emissions.



What this means for you

All residents and businesses are required to place *all* your food scraps, yard trimmings, and food-soiled paper in your green compost collection containers effective January 1, 2022.

Residents

- Separate your waste into the appropriate container—recycle, compost or landfill (garbage)

Food Generating Businesses & Food Recovery Organizations

- Follow requirements listed under All Businesses
- Grocery stores, large restaurants, and hotels—Recover and donate surplus edible food
- Have a written contract with food recovery organizations/services
- Maintain records
- For more details, visit the Santa Clara County Food Recovery program: reducewaste.sccgov.org/food-recovery

All Businesses

- Separate your waste into the appropriate container—recycle, compost or landfill (garbage)
- Have color-coded containers and signage
- Provide information and training to employees and tenants
- Inspect waste containers for contamination

Self-Haulers of Organic Waste

(gardeners, landscapers, construction contractors)

- Separate your waste into the appropriate container—recycle, compost or landfill (garbage)
- Take organic waste (landscape and pruning waste, yard trimmings, lumber, wood debris, pallets, carpets etc.) to an approved organics processing facility
- Maintain records

For more information on SB 1383 visit
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