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For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado



NEW YEAR, NEW ENFORCEMENT FOR ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

Plastic bags, including liners and bio plastic, are not allowed in green bins.

Starting in 2024, Coronado will enforce Senate Bill 1383, which requires California residents and businesses to separate organic waste from trash and recycling. The regulation aims to divert 75% of organic waste from landfills by 2025 to reduce methane emissions that contribute to climate change.

SORTING WASTE

EDCO has collected yard clippings for decades. In spring 2021, organic food waste was added to the green bin for collection in preparation for the new law.

In addition to plant clippings and food scraps, organic waste includes food-soiled paper products such as napkins, paper towels, plates, and pizza boxes. Paper products lined with plastic (most disposable beverage cups) are non-

To learn more about organic recycling go to:

- CalRecycle at calrecycle.ca.gov/nav/organics
- City of Coronado at coronado.ca.us/organics

compostable, non-recyclable trash and should not be placed in the green bin with organic waste. Clean paper should be placed in recycling instead of organic waste.

REQUIREMENTS

Businesses complying with SB1383 need to meet the following requirements:

- Provide organic waste and recyclable containers for employees and customers.
- Provide indoor containers for organic waste and recyclables in all

areas where disposal containers are provided for customers (except in restrooms).

- Container lids must be gray/black for garbage, blue for recycling, and green for organics.

- Waste containers must be labeled with graphic images to indicate what materials are accepted and prohibited.

Most local food establishments are not yet compliant with these requirements. Ask local businesses about their organic waste collection to motivate participation.

INSPECTION

The City of Coronado is partnering with EDCO to enforce organic waste collection. EDCO installed cameras on collection trucks and will use artificial intelligence to identify misplaced organic waste. Accounts with organic waste in the trash will

receive written notice with a tag on their bin. If contamination continues, a notice of violation will be issued. Repeated violations may lead to penalties starting at \$100 per occurrence.

EXCEPTIONS

Businesses that generate less than 20 gallons of organic waste per week can apply for a waiver to be exempt from the organic waste collection requirements. So far, 12 waivers have been approved.

ASSISTANCE

The City and EDCO are available to help residents and businesses that have challenges meeting the organic waste collection requirements.

Encourage businesses and neighbors to sort their organic waste to keep Coronado Emerald Green, Ocean Blue.

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