

## Prevent Food Waste

**Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food waste each year. This equals 18 percent of all the material that goes to landfills.**

FIND FOOD WASTE  
PREVENTION TIPS AT:  
[www.SavetheFood.com](http://www.SavetheFood.com)  
[www.ivaluefood.com](http://www.ivaluefood.com)  
[www.lovefoodnotwaste.com](http://www.lovefoodnotwaste.com)



- Use perishable produce quickly.
- Track inventory to prevent over-ordering and spoilage.
- Store all food properly.
- Keep your food storage equipment in good working order. Prepare for power loss by having a back up power plan.

**GIVE EDIBLE LEFTOVERS TO EMPLOYEES OR DONATE EDIBLE FOOD TO A CHARITY OR FOOD BANK.**

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley  
[www.shfb.org](http://www.shfb.org) • (408) 266-8866
- [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/)
- For a list of organizations in Santa Clara County that accept food donations, visit our website: [www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/resources/](http://www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/resources/) or [www.sccfoodrecovery.org](http://www.sccfoodrecovery.org).

### Did You Know?

**YOU WON'T BE SUED FOR DONATING LEFTOVER FOOD.**

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, passed in 1996, protects restaurants from civil and criminal liability should a recipient get ill or hurt as a result of consumed donated food. Donors are only culpable in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

SOURCE: [www.EPA.gov](http://www.EPA.gov)



### Does a Landscaping Company Off-Haul Your Yard Trimmings?

**PLEASE LET US KNOW!**  
*The State now requires businesses to provide written documentation from the landscaper that the material is being hauled to a facility that composts it for AB1826 and future SB1383 compliance.*

A form is available on our website: [www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/forms/](http://www.milpitassanitation.com/commercial/forms/).

For more information about the requirement, visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/CommercialOrganicsFAQ/#Compliance](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/CommercialOrganicsFAQ/#Compliance). (Section B-Business; question 49)

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# Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!

USE YOUR CONTAINERS TO SORT YOUR ORGANIC WASTE FOR:

- **Compliance with Mandatory State of California regulations.** AB341, AB1826, and SB 1383 (see article below).
- **A reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.** Of the 39 million tons of waste disposed of in California landfills in 2018, one third was compostable organic materials.
- **A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.** Anaerobic decomposition of organic materials in landfills produces methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), a greenhouse gas that contributes to pollution and global warming. Composting organic material reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

SOURCE: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/organics).

## SB 1383 is Coming January 2022

**SB 1383 - California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy includes statewide organic waste recycling and surplus food recovery. Starting January 1, 2022:**



- All jurisdictions will need to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses and recycle these organic materials. **This means that all residents and businesses in the City of Milpitas will need to have organic waste collection services (Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps).**
- Some businesses must donate edible food to food recovery organizations with others starting in 2024. To find out if you are required to donate excess edible food, visit: [www.sccfoodrecovery.org](http://www.sccfoodrecovery.org).
- Non-compliance will lead to fines and penalties.

For more information about SB 1383, visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).

## We Are Here to Help!

**MILPITAS SANITATION REPRESENTATIVES CAN:**

- Visit your business to conduct waste assessments.\*
- Make service suggestions.
- Help train employees and/or tenants.\*
- Provide posters, service guides and internal collection containers

\*Social distancing protocols must be practiced.



**GREEN = YARD TRIMMINGS**



**BROWN = FOOD SCRAPS**



## Reduce Waste, Save Money, & Go Green!

By reducing single use disposable packaging, your food service business can:

- Conserve resources.
- Prevent waste.
- Reduce ocean pollution.
- Increase operational efficiency.
- Improve customer satisfaction.
- Save money.

For more program information visit: [www.rethinkdisposable.org/businesses](http://www.rethinkdisposable.org/businesses).