SB 1383 Organic Waste Collection Service Options

SB 1383 allows jurisdictions to provide three-, two-, and unsegregated single-container collection services to organic waste generators. These infographics provide a high-level overview of each collection service, including the flow of materials from each container type to facilities for processing, recovery, and/or disposal. Please note that a variety of solid waste facilities and operations may receive gray, green, or blue container waste.

Three-Container Organic Waste Collection Service

Green Container
Materials: Source-separated organic materials such as food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste
Jurisdictions may choose to send green container material directly to an organic waste recovery activity,* or they may send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation for processing and then send the material to an organic waste recovery activity.

Blue Container
Materials: Recyclable materials such as metal, glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard
Jurisdictions may choose to send blue container material directly to a recycling processor that can accept that material,* or they may send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation for processing and then send the material to a recycling processor.

Gray Container
Materials: Solid waste (trash)
Jurisdictions may send gray container material directly to a landfill for disposal,* or they can send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation for additional processing, with all residual waste going to a landfill for disposal.

Additional Container Options
Jurisdictions may provide a fourth brown container to collect food waste or provide split containers or additional containers to further source-separate organic waste and other recyclables.*

*If the material is sent to a consolidation site as defined in 14 CCR Section 17402(a)(0.5), then the consolidation site would be required to send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation that complies with 14 CCR Section 17409.5.1.
**Green and Gray Two-Container Organic Waste Collection Service**

**Green Container**
*Materials: Source-separated organic materials such as food waste, food soiled paper, and yard waste*
Jurisdictions may send green container material to a facility that specifically recovers source-separated organic waste* or to a transfer/processing facility or operation first. Jurisdictions may provide split containers to further source-separate organic material.

*If the material is sent to a consolidation site as defined in 14 CCR Section 17402(a)(0.5), then the consolidation site would be required to send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation that complies with 14 CCR Section 17409.5.1.

**Gray Container**
*Materials: Solid waste (trash) and recyclable materials such as metal, glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard*
Jurisdictions must send the gray container mixed-waste material to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility where organic waste is recovered. Recyclables are then sent to other facilities for additional processing and recovery. Residual waste is sent to a landfill.
Blue and Gray Two-Container Organic Waste Collection Service

Blue Container
Materials: Recyclable materials such as metal, glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard
Jurisdictions may send blue container material directly to a recycling processor* or to a transfer/processing facility or operation first. Jurisdictions may provide split containers to further source-separate recyclable material.

*If the material is sent to a consolidation site as defined in 14 CCR Section 17402(a)(0.5), then the consolidation site would be required to send it to a transfer/processing facility or operation that complies with 14 CCR Section 17409.5.1.

Gray Container
Materials: Solid waste (trash) and organic materials such as food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste
Jurisdictions must send the gray container mixed-waste material to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility where organic waste is recovered and sent to a recovery activity and residual waste is sent to a landfill.
Unsegregated Single-Container Organic Waste Collection Service

Gray Container
Materials: Solid waste (trash), organic materials, and recyclable materials
The gray container material must be sent to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility where the organic waste and recyclables are processed for recovery. After the waste is processed at the high-diversion facility, the organic material is sent to an organic waste recovery activity, recyclables are sent to additional facilities for processing and recovery, and residual waste is sent to a landfill for disposal.

High-Diversion Organic Waste Processing Facility
A jurisdiction must send its gray container material to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility in the following circumstances:
- A three-container organic waste collection service if organic waste is allowed in the gray container
- All two-container organic waste collection services
- All unsegregated single-container organic waste collection services

A high-diversion organic waste processing facility must meet an organics recovery efficiency rate of 50% by 2022 and 75% by 2025. If the facility fails to meet this standard, it may not be used as a destination facility for gray container material in the circumstances described above. Doing so may subject a jurisdiction to enforcement action. In such cases, a jurisdiction may consider using other, qualifying high-diversion organic waste processing facilities. Alternatively, a jurisdiction may implement a three-container collection service in a manner in which it is not necessary to route gray containers to high-diversion organic waste processing facilities.
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