



Organics Recycling & Food Recovery

Public Works Department

Presented to the Sustainability Commission

July 7, 2022

SB 1383 – City of Glendale

May 2021:

GMC amended to require commercial diversion & organics management

April 2022:

Residential Organics Recycling Program implemented

June 2022:

Determined Tier 1 & 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators (EFG)

By 2025:

75% reduction in landfilled organic waste and 20% recovery of currently disposed edible food



January 2022:

Contract with ReCREATE begins for Edible Food Recovery

June 2022:

Cart Exchange Program for Monday's collection route

June 30, 2022:

Site visits completed for all Tier 1 EFGs



Residential Organics Recycling

- GMC 8.44.080
 - All generators must separate recyclables, organics, and refuse in respective collection carts
- April 1, 2022
 - The City begins collecting food scraps and food-soiled paper products in the organics cart
 - Organics are diverted to City Terrace Recycling facility
- April 21, 2022
 - “Organics Recycling in Glendale” free webinar was streamed live and posted on the website



Residential Organics Recycling

New Organics Carts & Pails

- Phase 1 (Monday routes) received new carts and pails
- Phase 2 & 3 (Tuesday-Friday routes) will receive new carts in the next 2 years
- All residents will receive a food waste kitchen pail along with their new carts
- Pails are also available for pick-up for all commercial and residential properties

Route reviews will be conducted in the next few months to assess contamination.





Commercial Organics Recycling

- July 1, 2022
 - All customers will be subscribed organics service
- Waivers for organics and recycling exemption may be approved on a case-by-case basis
- Education and outreach materials are provided to each account and made available on their websites
- Haulers attended the “Organics Recycling in Glendale” webinar and answered questions
- Route reviews to assess contamination will begin in the next few months



Edible Food Recovery

Commercial Edible Food Generators

Tier 1

January 1, 2022

Tier one businesses typically have more produce, fresh grocery, and shelf-stable foods to donate.



Tier 2

January 1, 2024

Tier two businesses typically have more prepared foods to donate, which often require more careful handling to meet food safety requirements (e.g. time and temperature controls).



Current Progress:

- Tier 1 Edible Food Generators (EFG): 28
 - Completed all Tier 1 site visits July 1
- Identified Tier 2 Edible Food Generators: 85
- Identified Food Recovery Organizations (FROs): 8

Next Steps:

- Begin Tier 2 EFG site visits FY 2022-23
- Careit App: Free app available to track donations for CalRecycle reporting



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