



Sunnyvale

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Dear Sunnyvale Property Owner,

We are reaching out to you to let you know about a new law, SB 1383, **that requires all California residences and businesses to recycle their food scraps and yard trimmings beginning in 2022** if they aren't already doing so. The purpose of this state law is to help keep organics out of the landfill which, in turn, reduces the impacts of methane gas on climate change.

By early 2022, all multi-family property managers or owners will need to arrange for separate organics collection services with Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling, the City's exclusive, franchised waste collection hauler. New services include landscaping materials as well as food scraps generated by property tenants. We are here to help you set up your program including providing outreach materials for your tenants. We've enclosed an FAQ to provide more information.

Here is key information you need to know:

- The City or Specialty have visited your property to observe the site layout which will help determine service change recommendations.
- **September/October 2021** – The City or Specialty will contact you to discuss recommendations for food scraps and yard trimmings collection. The call will cover next steps, tenant communication methods, collection start dates and billing changes.
- Staff will deliver countertop pails and outreach materials to tenants **two to three weeks** before new services begin.
- **In February 2022, Specialty will provide new carts or bins to properties and begin food scraps and yard trimmings collection services.**

**Take our survey** - we'd like your feedback on how to distribute information to your tenants and change cart delivery options. Fill out the survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/QLZDZQ9](https://surveymonkey.com/r/QLZDZQ9) by October 1, 2021. If you have any questions or want to further discuss these changes, email Tomer Shapira at [tomers@sswr.com](mailto:tomers@sswr.com) or call 408-566-1819.

Very Truly Yours,

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