



December 6, 2023

NOTICE: SENATE BILL 1383 – SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS REDUCTION ACT

Dear City of Vernon Business Operator:

In 2016, the State of California passed Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. A target to achieve a 75 percent reduction in level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025 is a component of SB 1383. The bill further supports California's efforts to achieve the overall statewide 75 percent recycling goal established by Assembly Bill 341.

SB 1383 requires all jurisdictions (including the City of Vernon) to adopt an enforceable ordinance to implement the requirements of SB 1383. The legislation requires the implementation of mandatory organic recycling programs aimed at all solid waste generators including those individuals residing in single-family and multi-family residential dwellings, and operators at commercial facilities.

On February 1, 2022, the City of Vernon adopted Ordinance No. 1278 to ensure compliance with SB 1383 requirements. The City's ordinance requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to a mandatory two-container solid waste collection system to divert organics and recyclables from landfills. Materials must be separated into blue and gray containers. Materials collected in the gray container, including organic waste and garbage going to the landfill, are transported to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility.

To ensure compliance, the City's franchise solid waste haulers will automatically enroll businesses, multi-family dwellings, and single-family dwellings in the mandatory two-container collection system by **December 31, 2023**. The containers will be delivered, and your solid waste hauler will conduct a waste evaluation to ensure the containers are right-sized.

A third green container will not be deployed as the two-container collection system does not require source separation of organics. Please coordinate with your solid waste hauler if you would like to voluntarily subscribe to a three-container collection system to source separate organics in a green container.

Business operators and residents currently self-hauling solid waste or recyclables are not exempt from the automatic enrollment in the two-container collection system. The Vernon Municipal Code requires business operators and residents to register and meet all applicable requirements to obtain a valid permit from the City for self-hauling. Therefore, enrollment in the two-container collection service provided by a solid waste hauler is required until a self-hauling permit is secured from Vernon's Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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If you have questions regarding SB 1383 requirements, the mandatory two-container waste collection system, or the self-hauling permit process, please call the Department of Health and Environmental Control at (323) 826-1448 or email health@cityofvernon.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!