

Organic Waste Self-Hauler Requirements

Throughout the state of California, changes are being made to how organic materials are collected and recycled. Senate Bill (SB) 1383 — a statewide effort to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses — requires all California jurisdictions to reduce the amount of organic waste that ends up in landfills. Self-haulers operating in Santa Clara County are subject to regulations aimed at reducing the amount of organic waste sent to landfills.

Who are self-haulers?

If you transport your waste material to a processing facility, then you are a self-hauler. This includes:



Private self-haulers



Commercial and residential landscapers



Construction and demolition haulers

Learn more about
self-hauler requirements
in Santa Clara County:

ReduceWaste.org/SelfHaulers



What does this mean for me, as a self-hauler?

While specific requirements vary by jurisdiction, all self-haulers are required to separate organic waste — such as wood, cardboard and paper — from landfill waste and take it to a facility where it can be processed.

Private self-haulers: You must identify the facilities to which you will transport organic waste and obtain documentation of approval from your jurisdiction to haul organic waste. All self-haulers must keep a record of how much organic waste they haul and where they take it.

Commercial and residential landscapers: You may either separate organic waste from non-organic waste onsite and haul the organic waste to the appropriate facility, or collect commingled organic waste and haul it to a high-diversion organic waste processing facility. You must keep a record of the facilities you use and volume/weight estimates.

Construction and demolition haulers: You must separate and recycle organic waste such as wood, paper and cardboard from mixed construction debris. You must keep a record of the facilities you use and, if the project falls under CALGreen, prove that 65% of this waste was recycled

By participating in organic waste recycling, you can remain in compliance with SB 1383 requirements and help build a brighter future for your community.



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