

# Organic Waste Recycling Coming to Downey in 2022

California Senate Bill 1383 sets statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills by 75% and recovering at least 20% of edible food waste by 2025.

In response, the City of Downey together with CalMet Services, Inc. will launch a new Organics Recycling Program to help businesses and residents reduce their carbon footprints and the impacts of climate change to meet state requirements.

During 2022, the City will conduct direct outreach to help navigate requirements for the state's mandate, and to help residents learn to sort organic waste properly.

The state has defined organic waste material as food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste mixed in with food waste.

**Examples of food waste include...** solid, semisolid, and liquid food, such as fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; coffee grounds and filters and tea bags; cut flowers and herbs; and any putrescible matter produced from human or animal food production, preparation, and consumption activities. Food waste includes food-soiled paper.

Be on the lookout for more details in the coming months. CalRecycle's Organics home page offers more information on organic recycling: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/nav/organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/nav/organics).



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