



Public Works Department

Informational Presentation & Update

City of Pasadena's Residential Organics Recycling Program

City Council
September 30, 2024





SB1383 Mandatory Organic Waste Diversion

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- Signed into Law by Governor Brown 2016
- Goal to reduce organics disposal 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025
- Beginning January 1, 2022 State required mandatory recycling program implementation
- Beginning January 1, 2024 State required mandatory local enforcement



What is Organic Waste?

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Solid waste containing material from living organisms

- > Food
- > Green material
- > Landscape & pruning
- > Lumber
- > Manure
- > Sludge



Residential Organics Recycling

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Food Waste includes:

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Dairy Products & Bread
- Meat & Seafood

RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING GUIDES

All food waste must be secured tightly in a plastic bag before placing it in the yard waste container

Accepted! Add these bagged items to your yard waste container

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

					
Apple Core	Banana Peel	Bell Pepper	Broccoli	Potato Peel	Watermelon Rind

DAIRY PRODUCTS AND BREAD

			
Cheese	Egg Shells	Leftovers	Pizza Crusts

MEAT AND SEAFOOD (including bones and shells)

			
Bones	Poultry	Meat	Seafood

NOT Accepted! These items are not accepted in yard waste bin

Examples: Regular and Compostable Plastics, Glass, Produce Stickers, Rubber Bands, Twist Ties, and Food-Soiled Paper Products



Please contact the City Service Center at (626) 744-7311 for any questions or concerns





Residential Collection

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- Bag food waste & place it in yard waste container
- Consider reusing zip-lock bags, bread bags or produce bags
- Any product bag you already generate will work



Residential Collection Organics Process

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Compost and Food Waste Tonnage

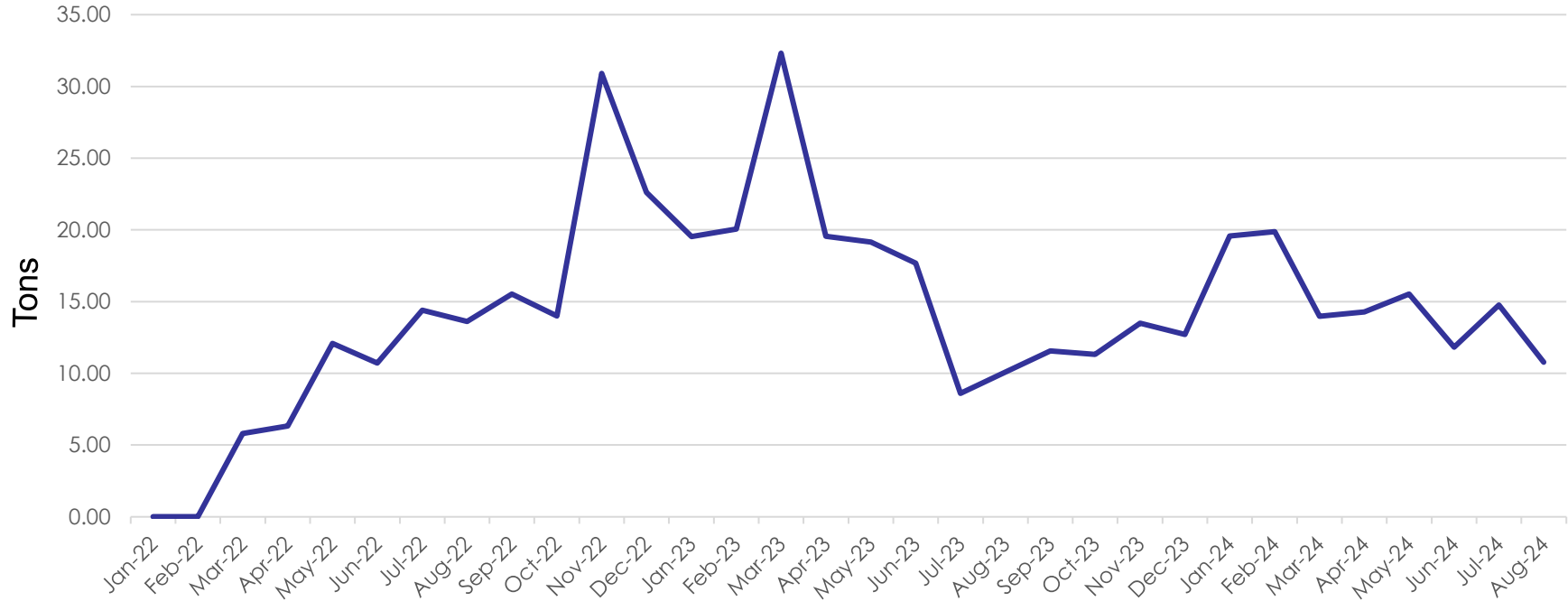
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- Yard Waste Composted Totals
 - *1/1/2020 to 8/30/2024*
 - 91,504 tons or 183,008,000 lbs
- *Food waste Diversion Totals*
 - *1/1/2022 to 8/30/2024*
 - 463 tons or 926,000 lbs



Curbside Food Waste Recycled

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CalRecycle Grants Secured

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- SB 1383 Implementation Grants
 - > FY 2022 \$205,808
 - > FY 2024 \$362,784
- Education and outreach
- Organic recycling receptacles
- Community Compost Hubs
- Commercial inspections & technical assistance



Model Program - Community Composting Hubs

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- For vegetative food waste (No dairy/meat)
- 75 household capacity
- Membership required (free, requires training)
- 230 members enrolled
- 7,523 pounds of food waste composted





Compost Hub Locations

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Location	Installation Date
McDonald Park	January 2023
Villa Parke	February 2023
Allendale Park	March 2023
Victory Park	April 2023
Brookside Park	May 2023
Singer Park	June 2023
La Pintoresca Park	January 2024
Memorial Park	April 2024

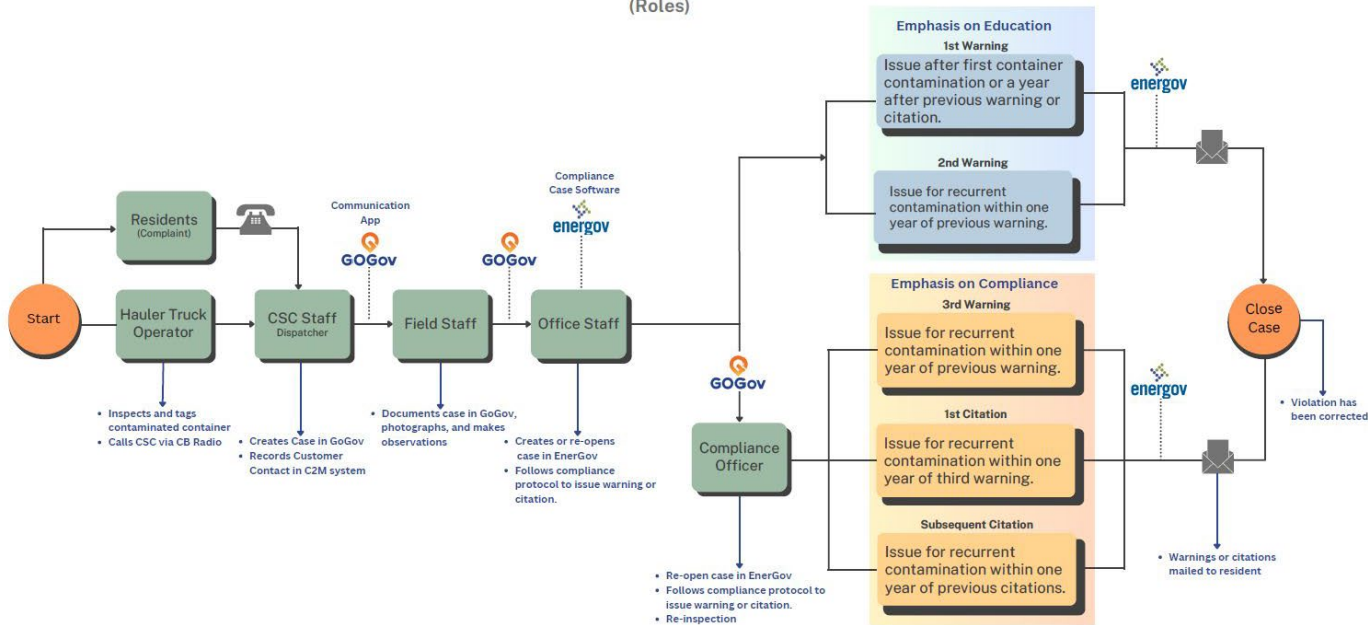


Model – Compliance Enforcement

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SB 1383 Compliance Process

(Roles)





Current & Upcoming Enforcement

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- City has been enforcing contamination violations for decades (tag program)
- SB 1383 requires route reviews
- Staff will conduct reviews in the next 90-days
- CalRecycle will conduct onsite City cart
- contamination reviews in the next 16-months



Organics Recycling Pails

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- Available to residents with City refuse service
- For residents interested in obtaining pails, they will be available at all RRR sponsored events (while supplies last)
 - > E-waste/shredding event
12/7/2024 Rose Bowl Lot I
- One pail per residential household





Questions???

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- Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/public-works/recycling-resources/organics-recycling/organics-recycling-composting/

