New state and local environmental laws

Organic waste recycling

Jan. 1, 2022

Donate edible food waste to identified food recovery organizations (Tier 1 businesses)



Jan. 1, 2022

Food scraps, other organic materials must be composted



Jan. 1, 2024

Donate edible food waste to identified food recovery organizations (Tier 2 businesses)

Single-use foodware



June 1, 2022

Single-use plastic utensils, straws and condiment packets upon request only

July 1, 2023

No plastic or styrofoam food ware

Plastic bag ban



July 1, 2023

Retail stores may not offer plastic bags to customers



July 1, 2024

Restaurants may not offer plastic bags to customers

Sustainable Carlsbad

How is your business affected?

New state and local laws covering organic waste recycling, edible food recovery and single-use plastic products are coming, and the City of Carlsbad is here to help!

Resource and toolkit materials are available on our website. You can also always reach out to our team for assistance.



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Organic waste recycling SB1383

SB1383 is a State of California law that builds on the state's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. The law requires all businesses and residents to divert organic materials, like food waste, yard waste and food soiled paper, from the landfill. This law also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025.

Single-use foodware AB1276 / CS-420

AB1276 expands the plastic straws upon request law to include other single-use food items like utensils, containers and condiment packets.

CS-420 is the city's ordinance requiring food service providers to only offer reusable or other eco-friendly food packaging and accessories, such as certified compostable or marine degradable packaging.

Plastic bag ban CS-424

CS-424 is the city's plastic bag ban prohibiting retail stores and restaurants from using disposable plastic bags. Enforcement will be phased in, beginning July 1, 2023, for retail establishments, and July 1, 2024, for food-service providers.

Business visited:

City staff: _____









