

# BEYOND THE CURB

COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER

Volume 2

TIPS FOR TRAINING - RIGHT SIZE RIGHT SERVICE - CONTACT INFO - HEAVY BINS - ILLEGAL DUMPING - BAGGED RECYCLING

## TIPS FOR TRAINING HOW TO SORT!

Proper waste sorting starts with the people who use the bins every day. Clear, consistent training can significantly reduce contamination, improve safety, and help businesses stay compliant with California regulations—without adding extra work. Contact us for more tools and on-site training opportunities.

### 1. KEEP IT SIMPLE & VISUAL

Use easy-to-read signs with pictures above or directly on garbage, recycling, and organics bins. Visual reminders help employees make quick decisions, even during busy shifts.

### 2. TRAIN DURING ONBOARDING

Waste sorting should be part of every new employee or tenant's orientation. A short walkthrough of the bins—what goes where and why—sets expectations from day one and prevents bad habits from forming.

### 3. BIN PLACEMENT

Place garbage, recycling, and organics containers together whenever possible so employees don't default to the nearest option.

### 4. REFRESH TRAININGS REGULARLY

A quick reminder goes a long way. Short refreshers during staff meetings or seasonal check-ins help keep sorting top of mind—especially during busy periods.



## RIGHT SIZE - RIGHT SERVICE

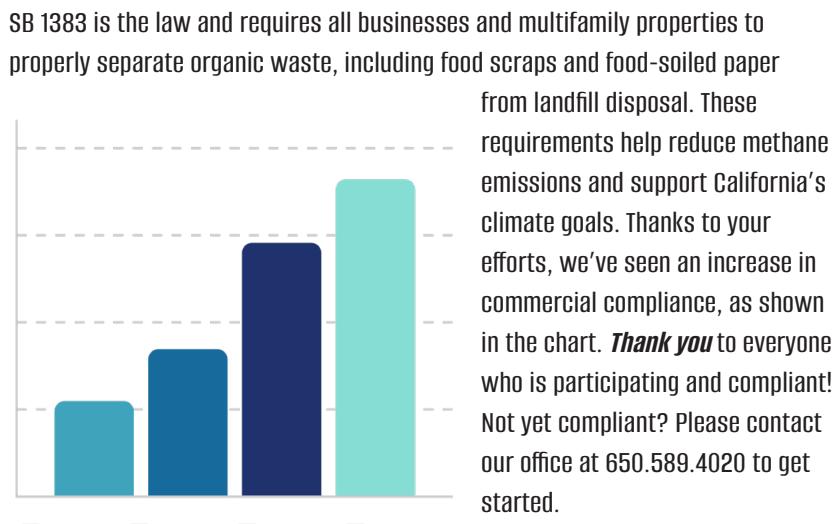
Choosing the correct container size and service frequency is an important part of keeping your operation running smoothly. Bins that are too small can lead to overflow, contamination, and safety issues, while oversized or over-serviced containers may result in unnecessary costs. Regularly reviewing your service levels—especially during seasonal changes or business growth—can help maintain compliance and improve overall efficiency. If your needs change, you can adjust service by contacting us at 650.589.4020.



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Keep your account info current! Call/text 650-589-4020 or email [info@ssfscavenger.com](mailto:info@ssfscavenger.com) to update your contact details. That way, we can keep you in the loop on any service changes or important updates.

# STATE & CITY REQUIREMENTS



## WHY WE CANNOT ACCEPT BAGGED RECYCLING

While it may seem cleaner or more convenient, placing recyclables inside plastic bags creates serious problems during collection and processing. For this reason, bagged recycling cannot be accepted. At our facility, bags—plastic or otherwise—tangle around sorting equipment and cause frequent shut-downs. They also prevent workers and machinery from seeing and properly sorting recyclable materials. As a result, bagged recyclables are often removed from the system and sent to the landfill.

### WHAT TO DO INSTEAD

- Place items loose in the recycling cart (no plastic bags)
- Empty bags into the recycling and dispose of bags in the garbage
- Use rigid, reusable bins indoors, then dump contents directly into the recycling cart
- Break down cardboard and keep materials clean and dry



## HEAVY BINS ARE A PROBLEM

Overfilled or heavy bins create safety risks for collection drivers and can damage collection vehicles and equipment. Excess weight is often caused by prohibited materials such as dirt, liquids, or construction debris. Keeping bins within weight limits helps ensure safe, reliable service and prevents delays.

## BLUE LINE TRANSFER, INC.

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### Public Disposal & Recycling Facility

Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Visit [www.bluelinetransfer.com](http://www.bluelinetransfer.com) to view our list of competitive rates.
- Arrive at Blue Line with load covered and secured. Uncovered loads incur a \$20 fee.

### B.O.P.A. CENTER

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No-charge drop-off for San Mateo County residents

- Televisions, laptops, computer monitors
- Car batteries, antifreeze, motor oil & filters
- Latex & oil-based paint—in clearly labeled containers, 10 gallon limit
- Sharps containers

### Public Buy-Back Center

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- For post consumer containers with California Redemption Value (CRV)

Why did the banana peel go in the green cart?  
Because it wanted to *appeal* to the compost!



## Illegal Dumping & Scavenging?

Reduce illegal dumping and rummaging by securing your waste enclosure or individual collection bins. Purchase your own combination lock(s) and provide us with the combination. Or, buy one of our locks. Contact us at 650.589.4020 to make arrangements. Also consider installing lighting, cameras, and appropriate signs.

