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**City of Ventura hosts virtual workshops to help residents and businesses with new organics recycling requirements**

**Ventura, Calif.** – The City of Ventura will host two virtual workshops for residents and businesses to provide information about the new Organics Recycling Program required by [California Senate Bill \(SB\) 1383](#).

Community members and businesses are invited to join the City's Environmental Sustainability team to learn about new state requirements, changes to residential and commercial waste services, and ask questions. Spanish translation services will be available at each meeting. [Register here](#) for the following workshops:

- **Residential Customers:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Businesses and Owners of Multi-family Residences:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

"SB 1383 is a new law requiring organic waste recycling that applies to all cities statewide," said Public Works Director Phil Nelson. "These workshops provide an additional opportunity for residents and businesses to ask questions and learn how to participate successfully."

On November 8, 2021, the Ventura City Council adopted an ordinance to comply with SB 1383, which aims to reduce methane emissions by diverting organic material from landfills by establishing statewide food waste recycling requirements starting on January 1, 2022.

The new program will require residents to bag and tie then place their food waste in their yard waste carts and other organic waste. Among other changes, most restaurants and businesses will have new collection services to haul their organic discards to compost facilities.

Businesses and multi-family properties can expect to be contacted by E.J. Harrison & Sons to set up yard waste and food waste collection services unless they apply and qualify for an exemption. Businesses can request exemptions if they generate very little organic waste or do not have space for additional containers. Exemption waivers must be filed before SB 1383 regulations take effect on January 1, 2022.

Informational resources, virtual workshops, and educational videos for residential customers and businesses are available online in English and Spanish.

For more information or for questions about the new Organics Recycling Program, visit [www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/ES](http://www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/ES) or contact the City's Environmental Sustainability team at [sustainability@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:sustainability@cityofventura.ca.gov) or call (805) 652-4525.

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