

# Recycling and Organics Guide

## Fontana Unified School District



The Fontana Unified School District has added the recycling of organic waste to its recycling program, which currently includes plastic, aluminum, and cardboard. As you know, the District's Food Services Department offers free meals for breakfast, lunch, and supper. Beginning October 1, 2023, the recycling of these items will be practiced during each meal.

The Sustainability Department's goals include being good stewards of the environment and supporting conservation efforts. We expect great success with the roll out of this program which will reduce greenhouse gases in our environment and reduce the stress on the landfills.

### Mandatory Recycling and Organics Recycling (MCR, MORE, and SB 1383)

- K-12 public and charter schools and school districts are required to recycle.\*
- Educate employees and students about organic waste prevention and how to properly recycle food and green materials, such as landscaping, at school sites.

### SB 1383: Educating and Involving Schools to Achieve California's Recycling Goals and Feeding Hungry Californians

- This new requirement benefits local communities by diverting food to hungry Californians, including the 1 in 5 children in the state who do not have enough to eat.



### Requirements

- Starting January 1, 2024, local education agencies with an on-site food facility (like a school cafeteria) will be required to donate all edible food, that would otherwise be thrown away, to a food recovery organization.

### Resources

\*More information about these requirements and related assistance is available at

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/>

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