



The Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions regulation will go into effect beginning January 1, 2022. The latest draft of proposed [October 2, 2019 text](#) includes the following requirements pertaining to a three-container Organic Waste Collection Service (Article 3, Section 18984.1). Please note, the draft regulations are **NOT** yet finalized.

Color Requirements

Jurisdictions will need to fully comply with the container color requirements by January 1, 2036.

Functional containers must be replaced at the end of their useful life or prior to January 1, 2036, whichever comes first.



For the collection of organic waste only. The contents shall be transported to a facility that recovers source separated organic waste.



For the collection of non-organic recyclables but may include the following types of organic wastes: paper products, printing and writing paper, wood and dry lumber and textiles. The contents shall be transported to a facility that recovers the materials designated for collection in the blue container.



For the collection of non-organic waste only. Can be gray or black in color. The contents may be transported to a landfill, a facility that processes and recovers organic waste, or a consolidation site (as defined in Section 17402 that complies with the requirements of Section 17409.5.10).



For the collection of food waste only, for jurisdictions that choose to collect food waste separately. The contents shall be transported to a facility that recovers source separated organic waste.

Residential and commercial container color requirements can be met a variety of ways.

1. Both the lid and the body of the container are the appropriate color.
2. The lid only is the appropriate color and the body is any color.
3. The body is the appropriate color and the lid is black or gray in color.

A jurisdiction may also comply by providing a container or containers that are split or divided into segregated sections, instead of an entire container, if the lids of the separate sections of a split container comply with the container color requirements and material limitations specified.



Labeling Requirements

Regarding labeling, commencing January 1, 2022, jurisdictions shall place a label on each new container or lid provided to generators. Labels must indicate the primary materials accepted and the primary materials prohibited in that container, via graphic image or language, or both. Labels can be imprinted or in sticker form. A jurisdiction may comply with this section by using model labeling provided by CalRecycle, which is scheduled to become available March 2020.

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