

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Now in Effect

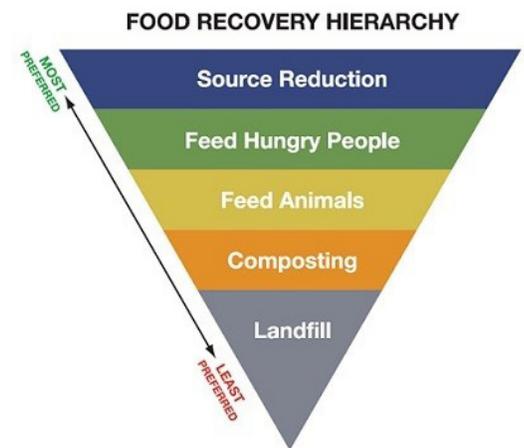
Covered Businesses Must Have Organics Recycling

As part of California's recycling and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals, businesses are now required to collect yard trimmings and food scraps for composting, effective April 1, 2016. Multifamily buildings with five or more units are required to collect yard trimmings, effective April 1, 2016. These organic materials account for nearly one-third of the approximately 30 million tons of waste destined for California's landfills each year.

Diverting organics from landfills for processing into compost and mulch reduces landfill GHG emissions and produces sustainable products that contribute to soil health, plant nutrition, water conservation and carbon sequestration. Mandatory commercial organics recycling helps to meet the goals of California's **Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32**.



For helpful tips to reduce the amount of food you waste:



www.lessismore.org

WHO

Businesses that generate eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week, including food scraps and yard trimmings, are required to have organics recycling service as of April 1, 2016.

Multifamily properties with five (5) units or more that generate eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week are also covered. As of January 1, 2019 collection of food scraps will be required. Some jurisdictions may require this sooner; check with your hauler.

WHAT

Food Scraps including solid, semisolid, and liquid food, such as, fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; cut flowers and herbs.

Yard Trimmings including grass clippings, leaves, flowers, hedge trimmings, weeds, etc. **Nonhazardous Wood** including tree branches, trunks and untreated lumber.



WHERE

Every jurisdiction in California is required to implement an organics recycling program and conduct outreach to regulated businesses as of January 1, 2016. In addition, jurisdictions are required to monitor regulated businesses to ensure they comply with recycling requirements.

WHEN

April 1, 2016, businesses and multifamily buildings generating 8 cubic yards per week of covered organics shall arrange for organics recycling service.

January 1, 2017, businesses generating 4 cubic yards per week of organics shall arrange for organics recycling service.

January 1, 2019, businesses and multifamily properties generating 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste (trash) shall arrange for organics recycling service.

HOW

Our trained employees can help you determine the size container and frequency of service required to meet your needs.

Please contact Waste Management at 805.242.7937 for more information.



Waste Management Customer Service (805) 242-7937

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Organic Waste Recycling Q&A

How do I know if my business or multi-family complex will be required to have organic waste recycling?

Initially, most entities that will be required to have organics recycling service will be in the food service industry (such as commissaries, grocery stores and restaurants) or multi-family complexes (that consist of five or more units) with green waste or yard trimmings. But after January 1, 2019, all businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week, regardless of type, must arrange for organic waste recycling services

Where can I find more information about AB 1826?

Customers who are interested in learning more about AB 1826 can visit the State of California's CalRecycle webpage on Mandatory Commercial Recycling (<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/>). For specific information about Commercial Organics Recycling, call Waste Management at (805) 242-7937.

Take the AB 1826 Assessment

BUSINESS ORGANIC WASTE SELF-ASSESSMENT

1. Does your business generate any of the following waste: Pre-consumer or post-consumer food waste or green waste, including landscape and pruning waste and nonhazardous wood waste? Yes No
2. Does your business currently generate more than eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week? Yes No
3. Does your business currently generate more than four (4) cubic yards of organic waste per week? Yes No
4. Does your level of trash service exceed four (4) cubic yards per week? Yes No

MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEX ORGANIC WASTE SELF-ASSESSMENT

1. Does your multi-family complex (with five units or more) generate any green waste, including landscape and pruning waste and nonhazardous wood waste? Yes No
2. Does your multi-family complex currently generate more than eight (8) cubic yards of green waste per week? Yes No
3. Does your multi-family complex currently generate more than four (4) cubic yards of green waste per week? Yes No
4. Does your level of trash service exceed four (4) cubic yards per week? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to Questions #1, AB 1826 will apply to your business or multi-family complex. If you answered "Yes" to Question #2 you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service by April 1, 2016. If you answered "Yes" to Question #3 you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service by January 1, 2017. If you answered "Yes" to Question #4 you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service by January 1, 2019.