
Local Resources

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Organic Recycling Regulations for California Businesses

How to comply with AB 1826 Organic Recycling Regulations



Regulatory Requirements

With the passage of AB 1826, new organic recycling requirements will be phased in over several years and will help the state meet its goal to recycle 75% of its waste by 2020.

Businesses, including public entities, are required to arrange for recycling services for the following types of organic waste:

- Food Waste
- Green Waste
- Landscape and pruning waste
- Nonhazardous wood waste
- Food soiled paper

Multifamily complexes of 5 units or more are required to arrange for recycling services for the following types of organic waste:

- Green Waste
- Landscape and pruning waste
- Nonhazardous wood waste

Compliance Dates

- April 1, 2016 – generators of 8 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2017 – generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2019 – generators of 4 or more yards of **solid waste** per week

Exemptions

The law allows jurisdictions to, on a case-by-case basis, grant exemptions to businesses and multifamily complexes that meet any of the following criteria:

- The multifamily complexes or businesses lack sufficient space to provide additional organic material recycling bins
- The business currently implements actions that result in the recycling of a significant portion of organic waste

Organic Recycling Services

The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any combination of the following actions:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic recycling service provided by the City of Porterville
- Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste for organic recycling
- Sell or donate the generated organic waste.

State Resources

Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe)
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm

CalRecycle Food Scrap Management Home Page
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food

California Air Resources Board (ARB) Small Business Toolkit www.CoolCalifornia.org

DID YOU KNOW? Recyclable organic waste accounts for about 40% of the material Californians dispose of in landfills annually. Recycling organic waste can save businesses money by reducing disposal costs while supporting green jobs in our county.

