

MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING AB 1826

In 2014, California adopted AB 1826, the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Measure to divert organic waste generated by businesses and multifamily dwellings of five or more units. Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step toward achieving California's aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals. Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic wastes in landfills have been identified as a significant source of emissions contributing to global climate change.

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Assembly Bill 1826 requires California businesses, including public entities, and multifamily complexes of five (5) units or more that generate two (2) or more cubic yards of solid waste per week to arrange for an organic waste recycling service.

What kind of business does this law apply to?

"Business" means any commercial or public entity that generates two (2) or more cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week, including but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint-stock company, corporation, or association that is organized as a for-profit or non-profit entity, strip mall (e.g. property complex containing two or more commercial entities), industrial facility, school, school district, community colleges, special district or a federal, state, local, regional agency or facility.

What is organic waste?

Organic waste (or organics) means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. Please note that unlike businesses, multifamily dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program.

HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

Under the AB 1826 law, businesses can take one or any combination of the following actions as long as it is in compliance with local ordinances and requirements:

- ♻️ Separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- ♻️ Recycle organic waste on-site, or self-haul organic waste for organic recycling.
- ♻️ Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes mixed-waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- ♻️ Sell or donate the generated organic waste.



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Contact your local recycling coordinator for help!

Your community may have mandatory commercial organics recycling ordinances with different thresholds or more specific requirements than the state law. Reach out to your local recycling coordinator for specific requirements and resources to help your business become a successful organics recycler under the law.

Visit www.urecycle.org/hauler to find your local hauler's contact information.