Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

The California State Legislature approved Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) which set forth statewide mandatory commercial organic waste recycling. Effective January 01, 2019, Assembly Bill 1826 mandates that, businesses, public entities, and multifamily residential dwellings (five or more units), generating 4-cubic yards or more of solid waste to establish and maintain commercial organics recycling service. Multifamily dwellings organics diversion is specific to green waste only (not food waste). **Organic waste means food waste, food soiled paper, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste.** You can comply by taking the following actions:

- ✔ Separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- ✔ Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off-site for recycling.
- ✔ Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- ✔ Donate edible food to a food bank, or food rescue as appropriate.

The law phases in the requirements on businesses and multifamily residential dwellings over time. Additionally, the State law contains a trigger that will increase the scope of affected businesses, if waste reduction targets are not met.

- **January 1, 2019:** Businesses, public entities, and multifamily residential dwellings (five or more units), generating 4-cubic yards or more of solid waste to establish and maintain commercial organics recycling service.

- **Summer/Fall 2021:** If CalRecycle determines that the statewide disposal of organic waste in 2020 has not been reduced by 50 percent of the level of disposal during 2014, the organic recycling requirements on businesses will expand to cover businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week. Additionally, certain exemptions may no longer be available if this target is not met.

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Mandatory Commercial Recycling requires businesses and public entities, generating four (4) cubic yards of trash or more and multifamily residential dwellings with five or more units, to establish and maintain recycling service.

Recycling not only conserves our natural resources but can save money by reducing waste disposal costs. Our staff can assist in selecting the appropriate recycling service level, along with the necessary education and outreach to residents and managerial staff. Call our Customer Service department today to schedule a complimentary waste and recycling assessment.

If you already have a recycling program and would like to make additional enhancements, please call our Customer Service department for assistance.

Should you have any questions or to obtain a waste assessment call our Customer Service department.