

# IT'S THE LAW! BUSINESS RECYCLING

## RECYCLING LEGISLATION

**Assembly Bill 1826** [AB 1826] will require businesses to separate their food scraps and green waste for recycling. AB 1826 builds on the success of the mandatory commercial recycling program established by AB 341. Please see the timeline below for implementation requirements:

- 2016 – All businesses with 8 or more yards of organic waste per week
- 2017 – All businesses with 4 or more yards of organic waste per week
- 2019 – All businesses with 4 or more yards of solid waste per week

Information about organic waste recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery [CalRecycle] at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/>.

**Assembly Bill 341** [AB 341] requires all jurisdictions to meet the diversion goal of 75% by 2020 resulting in businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste to either:

- Participate in a recycling program with their local waste hauler.
- Donate, sell and/or self-haul materials to a recycling facility.

Information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery [CalRecycle] at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/>.

**Assembly Bill 939** [AB 939] required jurisdictions to meet diversion goals of 25% by 1995 and 50% by the year 2000 resulting in the implementation of:

- Drop-off recycling programs
- Curbside recycling
- Commercial recycling
- Construction and demolition recycling

**NEW**

## ORGANICS PROGRAM

Returning organic materials to the soil drastically reduces the environmental impacts of landfills, reduces greenhouse gases, creates jobs and helps sustain California's agricultural industry.

Organic collection services for businesses is currently available.

## RECYCLE PROGRAMS

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### MIXED RECYCLING

This program recycles materials such as: cardboard, mixed paper, plastic, aluminum and glass bottles. They may be mixed together and placed in a recycling bin.

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### SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLING

Your business may generate a large amount of one type of recyclable material such as cardboard. CR&R can help you determine the best container for your needs based on the quantity and type of material.

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### CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION

With construction and demolition [C&D] debris making up a large percentage of all material entering California landfills, CR&R can help you to divert as much as possible through a combination of source separation and mixed processing. Prior to starting your project, contact CR&R to find out what options will work best for your site. Planning ahead will assist you in diverting as much material as possible, as cost effectively as possible.

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### WASTE NOT OC

Waste Not OC is dedicated to facilitating the donation and distribution of surplus food to help feed the hungry in Orange County. Waste Not OC is supported by the Orange County Health Department and collects food from vendors including restaurants, caterers, and hospitals to donate to local pantries that serve individuals in need. Restaurant's that donate to Waste Not OC may see a reduction in their restaurant waste, while helping put an end to hunger in our community. Additional information can be found at [www.wastenotoc.org](http://www.wastenotoc.org).



Items that will be permitted in your organics container:

- Food Preparation Scraps
- Table Scraps
- Food-Soiled Paper
- Plants
- Flowers
- Coffee Grounds and much more.

To obtain additional information or subscribe to recycling service contact your local Sustainability Specialist, Lawrence, by calling 714.372.8261 or emailing [lawrencej@crmail.com](mailto:lawrencej@crmail.com)



# ORGANIC WASTE FACT SHEET

## Does This Affect My Business?

**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 web page on Mandatory Commercial Recycling (<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/>).

## Take the AB 1826 Assessment

### BUSINESS ORGANIC WASTE - SELF-ASSESSMENT



**1.** Does your business generate any of the following waste: Compostables containers, food waste, food soiled paper, green waste, (including landscape and pruning waste) and non-hazardous 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 non-hazardous 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 recycling service by January 1, 2019.



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