

# Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

## Covered Businesses Must Have Organics Recycling before April 1, 2016



**Assembly Bill 1826**— As part of California’s recycling and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals, businesses will be required to collect green waste trimmings, food scraps and food-soiled paper for composting, effective April 1, 2016. Multifamily buildings with five or more units will be required to collect green waste 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.



### WHO

**Businesses** that generate eight (8) cubic yards organic waste per week, including food scraps and green waste trimmings, are required to have organics recycling service as of April 1, 2016. Multifamily buildings with five or more units will be required to collect green waste trimmings.

### WHAT

**Food Scraps** including solid, semi solid, and liquid food such as fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; coffee filters and tea bags; cut flowers and herbs.

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

**Food-Soiled Paper** is uncoated paper that is soiled with liquid or solid food waste and typically includes products such as napkins, towels, and tissues, paper plates, paper cups, fast food wrappers, egg cartons, used pizza boxes, wax-coated cardboard, and other similar paper or compostable packaging.

### WHERE

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

### WHEN

**April 1, 2016**, businesses generating 8 cubic yards per week of organics shall arrange for organics recycling service. Multifamily properties with five or more units generating 8 cubic yards of green waste trimmings shall arrange an organics recycling service.

**January 1, 2017**, businesses generating 4 cubic yards per week of organics shall arrange for organics recycling service. Multifamily properties with five or more units generating 4 cubic yards of green waste trimmings shall arrange an organics recycling service.

**January 1, 2019**, businesses and multi-family properties generating 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste 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. Contact: 800-423-9986 .

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ci.banning.ca.us/467/Organics-Waste-Recycling>

# Organic Waste Recycling Q&A

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### Who is Required to Have Organics Recycling Services?

Initially, most entities that will be required to have organics recycling service will be food generating businesses (such as hotels, restaurants, grocery stores and commissaries, and food banks) or multi-family complexes (that consist of five or more units) with green waste or trimmings. 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. Please call Waste Management to set up service.

### Where Can I Find More Information?

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/Commerical/Organics/>). Specific information about Commercial Organic Recycling in the City of Banning may be found on <http://www.ci.banning.ca.us/467/Organics-Waste-Recycling>.

## Take the AB 1826 Assessment

### BUSINESS ORGANIC WASTE

#### SELF - ASSESSMENT

1. Does your business generate any of the following waste: Food Waste; Food soiled paper, including paper plates, napkins, paper food containers or wrappers; or green waste, including landscaping 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 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 trimmings, 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 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.*