

MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES

The State now has a law that makes it mandatory for businesses to recycle organics

Mandatory Organics Recycling Law

AB 1826 was signed by Governor Brown on September 28, 2014. It places requirements on businesses, multi-family premises, and jurisdictions to divert organic waste from landfills. The focus of AB 1826 is removing food waste, green waste, and non-hazardous wood waste out of our landfills.

What is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.



Overview of AB 1826 Requirements:

Obligations for organics recycling begin in 2016 and ramp up over 4 years as summarized in the table below.

Date	Threshold amounts for Businesses*
April 1, 2016	8 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2017	4 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2019	4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week

* "Businesses" includes multi-family premises with 5 units or more, however, multi-family premises are only required to recycle landscaping waste.



Businesses can meet the mandatory organics recycling requirements through any of the following:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle organic waste on site, or self-haul organic waste off site for recycling
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste



For more information about AB 1826, visit the CalRecycle website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>

Stay Tuned for more information on programs that will be offered in the City of El Monte.

