

# MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING

## AB 1826

### State Organics Recycling Requirements for Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes



#### WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE

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



#### WHO MUST RECYCLE

State law requires:

All businesses, including public entities, that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week.

All multi-family complexes with five or more units.



#### WHY RECYCLE

About half of California's waste stream is organic material like food waste, yard trimmings, and lumber.

Recycling helps conserve natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Recycling extends the life of California's landfills and helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

#### HOW TO GET STARTED

Businesses and multi-family complexes with 5 or more units may fulfill the organic recycling requirement by any of the following:

- ✓ Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- ✓ Recycle your organic waste on-site (composting), or self-haul the organic waste for recycling.
- ✓ Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- ✓ Make other arrangements to sell or donate the recyclable organic waste material.

#### TYPES OF ORGANIC MATERIAL TO RECYCLE

##### Food Scraps

- ✓ All fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Dairy products (no liquids)
- ✓ Eggshells and eggs
- ✓ Leftovers and spoiled food
- ✓ Meat (including bones)
- ✓ Seafood (including shellfish)

##### Food-soiled Paper

- ✓ Pizza boxes and paper bags
- ✓ Paper coffee filters
- ✓ Paper cups and plates
- ✓ Paper ice cream containers
- ✓ Paper napkins, tissues, and paper towels
- ✓ Paper take-out boxes/containers
- ✓ Paper milk and juice cartons (no foil liner)

##### Plants

- ✓ House plants
- ✓ All plant debris: flowers, leaves, weeds, and branches

##### Other

- ✓ Bags labeled "Compostable"
- ✓ Corks (no plastic)
- ✓ Cotton balls/cotton swabs with paper stems
- ✓ Vegetable wood crates
- ✓ Waxed cardboard and paper
- ✓ Wood: small pieces of clean wood/sawdust (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained, treated)
- ✓ Wooden chopsticks, coffee stirrers, toothpicks

#### WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

Information about recycling and waste reduction is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle)

You may also contact the Ceres Public Works Department at (209) 538-5602, or visit [www.ci.ceres.ca.us/213/Solid-Waste-Recycling-Programs](http://www.ci.ceres.ca.us/213/Solid-Waste-Recycling-Programs)

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