



Humboldt Waste Management Authority

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Who Must Recycle

With the passage of AB 1826, new organic recycling requirements will be phased in over several years so while this may not affect you now it can in the future. Businesses and multifamily units of 5 or more are required to recycle their organic waste on and after April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week. Below are the phases:

Date	Threshold to arrange for organic waste recycling services
April 1, 2016	Businesses that generate 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2017	Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2019	Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week
Summer/Fall 2021	Businesses that generate 2 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week

What is Organic Waste?

Organic Waste is food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste.

How to Meet AB 1826 Mandates

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

- Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste for organic recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- Sell or donate the generated organic waste.

For More Information

- Information about Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/>
- The Bill in its entirety can be viewed here <http://tinyurl.com/pw47ag7>