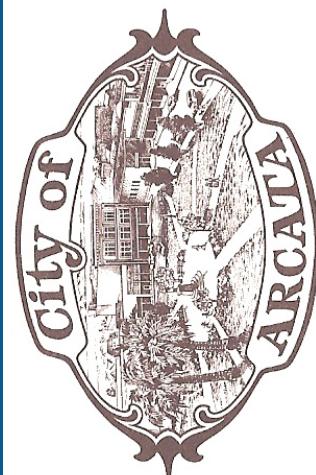


An Overview of AB 1826

The mandatory commercial organics recycling law (AB 1826) was signed in 2014 to help achieve California's enterprising recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals. In California, approximately 30 millions tons of waste end up in landfills each year, of which more than 30% is organic. Instead of sitting in landfills, organic waste could alternatively be composted, or used to produce renewable energy. Greenhouse gas emission resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills have been identified as a significant source of emissions contributing to global climate change.

That's why state law requires businesses that generate a specified amount of organic waste per week to arrange for waste recycling services, and for jurisdictions to implement a recycling program to divert organic waste from businesses. This includes multifamily residential dwellings that consist of five or more units (please note, however, that multifamily dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program).



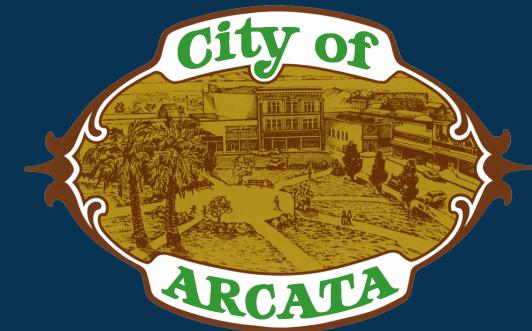
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Get Ready For AB 1826



Business and Multi-family
Organics Recycling
Requirements



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The State of California requires all businesses, public and private, and multi-family complexes to recycle organics in addition to recycling other materials.

ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW



State law AB 1826 requires businesses and multi-family complexes to phase in recycling of organic waste

HOW TO COMPLY



Businesses and multi-family property owners can comply by taking one of any combination of the following actions:

1. Separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste
2. Recycle organic waste (compost) onsite or self-haul to an organics composting facility
3. Source reduction: assess and track what food is being wasted, then implement a waste reduction strategy that best suits your facility
4. Donate pre-consumer food to local food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters
5. Connect with local farmers or facilities that can process pre-consumer or post-consumer food waste into animal feed

TYPES OF ORGANIC WASTE



Businesses must arrange for the recycling services for the following types of organic waste:

- food waste
- landscaping/pruning waste
- green waste
- non-hazardous wood waste

Multi-family complexes with five (5) units or more must arrange for recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste

Most organic waste is recyclable through methods such as composting, mulching, and in-vessel digestion

WHO MUST COMPLY

Businesses and multi-family complexes recycling thresholds

April 1, 2016	generators of 8 or more cubic yards of <u>organic waste</u> per week
January 1, 2017	generators of 4 or more cubic yards of <u>organic waste</u> per week
January 1, 2019	generators of 4 or more cubic yards of <u>solid waste</u> per week
Current	generators of 2 or more cubic yards of <u>solid waste</u> per week

WHAT TO RECYCLE



Fiber materials



Mixed waste paper, magazines, newspaper, telephone books, junk mail, cardboard, cereal and other dry food boxes, paper bags, shredded paper (in clear bag), giftwrap (no glossy foil)

Metals (do not flatten)



Aluminum cans, soda cans, tin cans, aluminum foil (cleaned and crushed)

Plastics



#1 clear plastic bottles (water/soda), #2 plastic milk cartons, #3 - #7 plastics, and prescription pill containers (labels removed)

Glass (remove lids - they are recyclable)



Bottles (soda, beer, wine, etc.), jars (pickles, baby food, etc.)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

City of Arcata
www.cityofarcata.org

Recology
www.recology.com

Humboldt Waste Management Authority
www.hwma.net

CalRecycle
www.calrecycle.gov