

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

BUSINESS ORGANIC DISCARDS COMPOSTING



California businesses should begin planning to separate their organic discards for composting.

Beginning in 2016, AB 1826 requires that businesses must arrange for composting if they discard 8 cubic yards or more of organic materials weekly. That threshold moves to 4 cubic yards of organics in 2017, and 4 cubic yards of solid waste in 2019.

“Organic” materials include food, landscape debris (leaves, grass, branches), and woody material including lumber. Composting turns these raw materials into soil amendments that meet California goals to reduce water use, increase statewide recycling and avoid landfill methane emissions.

High Desert communities are working with local haulers and composters to implement a comprehensive local organics recycling program, and to provide options for effected businesses.

WORKING TOGETHER



- 1 Businesses will be contacted to verify their organics generation. This may include onsite reviews to assess eligibility and capacity to separate organics effectively.
- 2 Qualifying businesses will be informed when composting capacity is secured and collection programs are ready.
- 3 Businesses may make their own arrangements to send organic materials to composting and may be asked to verify those arrangements.
- 4 Edible food may be donated to qualified non-profits. We are compiling a list of groups that may be able to accept and distribute edible food at no risk to donating businesses.

For more information, look at the State’s frequently asked questions <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm>

Call the Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority at (888) 873-2925 or the City of Victorville’s Recycling Coordinator at (760) 955-8615.



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