

# City of Victorville Businesses & Multifamily Dwellings

## Assembly Bill 1826—Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

### How Does the Mandatory Commercial ORGANICS Law Affect You?

California State Law Assembly Bill 1826 mandates that all California businesses (including public entities) divert organic wastes such as food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning wastes, non hazardous wood waste, and food soiled paper waste from California landfills. Adopted in 2014, the threshold for diverting organic waste changes over time and differs for commercial businesses verses multifamily businesses. The State-wide goal is that 75% of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, or composted by the year 2020 and every year thereafter.

**Who is affected?** As of January 1, 2021, ALL commercial businesses and multifamily complexes of 5 or more units that generate 2 cubic yards per week of ANY kind of waste (trash and recycling combined) are required to arrange for organic waste collection services. (Multi-family complexes are exempt from the requirement to separate food waste but are still required to divert green waste, landscape and pruning wastes, and non-hazardous wood waste.)

### What must my business or apartment complex do?

Take at least one or more of the following actions:

1. Source separate organic materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling/composting of organic waste.
2. Recycle its organic wastes onsite, or self-haul its own organic waste for recycling/composting.
3. Make other arrangements for recycling of organic wastes—e.g. through a landscaper\*.

\*Note: AB 1826 also states that contracts for gardening or landscaping services must require organic wastes to be managed in compliance with AB 1826—e.g. organic materials must be kept separate and must be composted or diverted. See back for more details.

### What must the City do?

1. Implement a commercial organics program to divert solid waste from businesses and multi-family units subject to AB 1826.
2. Educate, notify, outreach to, and monitor affected businesses/multifamily dwellings.
3. Notify a business if the business is not in compliance with AB 1826.

The City, through its hauler Victorville Disposal, is offering on-site organics collection service for all businesses that fall under the current requirements. Those businesses that do not meet the current threshold but still want to separate their organics can also opt into the program.

**The City of Victorville Recycling Program Can Assist You in Establishing or Enhancing Your Recycling Program!** City staff can visit your location to do an organics assessment, provide recommendations for possible food rescue, collection methods, alternatives for service changes, and provide free educational materials for your employees, staff, and tenants. We will also provide on-going assistance to trouble-shoot, re-educate, and enhance your program. Call us to schedule a free visit!



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