MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING (AB 1826)

FOR BUSINESSES AND MULTIFAMILY COMPLEXES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions may be granted on limited, case by case scenarios:

- Lacks sufficient space for additional organic waste recycling bins/carts
- Currently recycling a significant portion of organic waste
- Does not generate at least one-half of a cubic yard of organic waste per week
- Limited-term exemptions for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances

For additional information, visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) website:

- http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/
- http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm
- http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food/default.htm

NEED HELP?

To learn more about the proper disposal and recycling of organic materials or To schedule a FREE Waste Assessment to start or improve an organic recycling program at your facility:

Call (831)775-3000 or visit www.salinasvalleyrecycles.org

REDUCE, REUSE, THEN RECYCLE!
Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, requires businesses (including public entities) and *multifamily complexes to recycle their organic waste, depending on how much waste they generate.

The new law phases in the requirements over several years. Businesses and multifamily complexes **must start recycling organic waste** by the following dates:

- **April 1, 2016** – generators of 8 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week
- **January 1, 2017** – generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week
- **January 1, 2019** – generators of 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week
- **January 1, 2020** – generators of 2 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week (if statewide disposal of organic waste is not decreased by half the disposal level of 2014)

The purpose of AB 1826:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Expand organics recycling in California
- Conserve natural resources
- Meet state’s waste diversion goal of 75% by 2020

*Multifamily complexes are not required to have a food waste diversion program, only green waste.*

Organics recycling requirements can be met by taking one or more of the following actions:

- Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service with a permitted hauler
- Recycle organic waste onsite or self-haul organic waste to a permitted facility
- Sell or donate the generated organic waste to a permitted facility

To set up organics recycling, call the waste hauler that services your area:

**City of Salinas:**
Republic Services of Salinas
(831) 775-3840

**Unincorporated Monterey County:**
Waste Management
(831) 796-2200

**Gonzales, Greenfield & Soledad:**
Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling
(888) 678-6798

**King City:**
King City Disposal/ WM Inc.
(831) 384-5000