

# City of Diamond Bar

# EnviroLink

"Your Link to Protecting the Environment"

monthly email newsletter for Diamond Bar residents and businesses

## Organics recycling at a glance

AB 1826 enacted a new state law aimed to divert organics from the landfill. All businesses that generate certain amounts of regular and/or organic waste are required to implement an organics recycling program based on the following tiered implementation:

1. Commencing April 1, 2016, businesses that generate 8 cubic yards (cy) or more a week must source separate food scraps and yard trimmings and arrange for recycling services for organic waste.
2. On January 1, 2017, businesses generating 4 cy or more per week of organics are also subject to the diversion requirement.
3. A business that generates 4 cy or more of commercial solid waste per week, on and after January 1, 2019, must arrange for organic waste recycling services.

### WHY ORGANICS?

More than 30% of current material disposed in landfills is compostable/digestible.

## Opportunities for recycling

1. **Source Separate Organics:** Businesses may contact Valley Vista Services at 800.442.6454 to set up a separate collection bin for organics. Source separated organic waste will be collected by Valley Vista Services for off-site processing, recycling and composting.
2. **Donate:** Non-perishable food items may be donated to a local food bank . Businesses can visit [www.LAFoodBank.org](http://www.LAFoodBank.org) for more information.
3. **Self-Haul:** Businesses can secure a Limited Collection Permit to self haul organics to an approved recycling facility. Please contact us at 909.839.7015 for more information.

For any questions about the new organics recycling law or other Environmental Services topics, please contact us at 909.839.7015 or send us an email to [greendb@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:greendb@diamondbarca.gov) .



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