

Easy to Start

1. Contact Valley Vista Services and Sign up for Organic Recycling:
 - We will provide you 96 gallon organic recycling plastic automated containers.
2. Get a Free Consultation by our Experts:
 - We will conduct a waste assessment to identify your recycling and waste needs
3. Receive Free Training and Technical Assistance:
 - Color posters for your business with pictures of acceptable material
 - Training for your staff in English, Spanish and/or Mandarin
4. Reduce the Volume of Waste Going to Local Landfills:
 - Separate food waste from trash
 - Reduce your trash volume and increase recycling

Exemptions for Valley Vista Services' Businesses and Multifamily Complexes

Case-by-case exemptions: The law allows jurisdictions to, on a case-by-case basis, grant exemptions to businesses and multifamily complexes that meet any of the following criteria:

- The multifamily complexes or businesses lack sufficient space to provide additional organic material recycling bins.
- The business currently implements actions that result in the recycling of a significant portion of organic waste.
- The business or group of businesses does not generate at least one-half of a cubic yard of organic waste per week.
- The business or group of businesses does not generate at least one cubic yard of organic waste per week (if the local jurisdiction provides CalRecycle with information that explains the need for this higher exemption).⁴
- Limited-term exemptions may be granted for extraordinary and unforeseen events.

⁴ This exemption is subject to expiration if the state fails to meet disposal reduction targets in 2020.

Resources

Local Resources

- ❑ Contact Valley Vista Services to set up a organic recycling program at 800-442-6454 or visit www.valleyvistaservices.com for more information about organic recycling.
- ❑ For a copy of the LA County Unincorporated Area Commercial Franchise Customer Bill of Rights, please visit www.LACountySWIMS.com/BOR.
- ❑ LA County Smart Business Recycling website: www.businessrecycling.com

State Resources

1. CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development (LAMD) Staff Contacts (www.calrecycle.ca.gov/lgcentral/reports/Contacts.aspx). LAMD staff is available to assist local governments with planning and implementing Mandatory Organics Recycling programs.
2. Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe) Home Page <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/>
3. Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm>
4. CalRecycle Food Scrap Management Home Page at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food/default.htm>
5. California Air Resources Board (ARB) Small Business Toolkit (www.CoolCalifornia.org).



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California Businesses and Multifamily Complexes Will Soon Be Required to Recycle Their Organic Waste



Mandatory Organics Recycling



With the passage of AB 1826, new organic recycling requirements will be phased in over several years and will help the state meet its goal to recycle 75 percent of its waste by 2020.

Businesses, including public entities, and multifamily complexes of 5 units or more are required to recycle their organic waste on and after April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week.

Valley Vista Services, your local hauling company, is here to help you comply with the new state requirements. Read this brochure to learn more about organic waste collection and recycling options available to you.

Regulatory Requirements

The law requires that businesses arrange for recycling services for the following types of organic waste: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper.²

Multifamily complexes must arrange for recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper. Most organic waste is recyclable through methods such as composting, mulching, and anaerobic digestion. Organic recycling services often accept a wide variety of different types of organic waste. Check with Valley Vista Services to learn how to arrange for recycling.

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.

¹ California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Did You Know?

Recyclable organic waste accounts for about 40 percent of the material Californians dispose in landfills annually.¹ Recycling organic waste can save some businesses money by reducing disposal costs while supporting green jobs in our community.

Organic Recycling Services

The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any combination of the following actions, provided that the action is in compliance with local ordinances and requirements.³

1. Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to Valley Vista Services organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
2. Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste to a certified organic recycler.
3. Sell or donate the generated organic waste.
4. Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes mixed-waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.



² Food-soiled paper includes items such as wax-coated food containers and soiled napkins mixed with food waste. Food-soiled paper does not include paper products with a plastic coating, e.g., paper cups with a polyethylene coating.

Valley Vista Services will help local businesses comply with the new law.

Valley Vista Services offers an extensive organic waste recycling program for those generators that either meet the requirements of mandatory organics recycling or those generators that choose to opt into a source separated organics recycling program. Valley Vista Services will provide 96 gallon plastic automated containers for each generator (depending on access and space requirements).



Acceptable Materials

All Food Scraps including:

- Fruits, vegetables, peels and pits
- Meat, poultry, fish, seafood and bones
- All dairy products, eggs
- Bread, grain, pasta and nuts
- Tea bags, coffee grounds



Unacceptable Materials

- Styrofoam
- Glass
- Metals
- Grease trappings or tallow
- Liquids

