

HOW DO I COMPLY?

Separate **Organic Waste** from the garbage and place it in a separate **Organic Waste** bin. Contact your waste hauler to obtain an **Organic Waste** bin if you do not have one. **Check with your hauler to determine what items they allow in the bin.**

What goes in.



What stays out.



WHO WILL INSPECT MY BUSINESS?

Sacramento County Environmental Management Department staff will verify **Organic Waste** recycling compliance at your business.



QUESTIONS?

Contact your waste hauler for specific details and service options.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Environmental Management Dept.

emd.saccounty.net

Sacramento Solid Waste Authority

swa.saccounty.net

Waste Management & Recycling

sacgreenteam.com

CalRecycle

calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING



SWA
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

SACRAMENTO
COUNTY



ASSEMBLY BILL 1826 (AB 1826) REQUIRES BUSINESSES TO RECYCLE ORGANIC WASTE

WHO MUST COMPLY?

- All businesses that generate ½ cubic yard or more of **Organic Waste** per week are **NOW** required to separate and recycle Organic Waste.
- All businesses generating 4 cubic yards or more of **Trash and Recycle** per week are **NOW** required to separate and recycle Organic Waste.
- If your business generates **LESS THAN** ½ cubic yard of **Organic Waste** per week, you are not required to separate and recycle Organic Waste. An **Exemption Request Form** is required.

DO YOU HAVE ORGANIC WASTE?

- Food scraps
- Produce, meat and baked goods
- Coffee grounds & tea bags
- Food-soiled paper and cardboard
- Green waste (lawn clippings, leaves)
- Non-hazardous wood (non-treated)



WHY RECYCLE ORGANIC WASTE?

- **Organic waste** decomposes anaerobically (without oxygen) and releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere.
- When **organic waste** is landfilled, we lose critical nutrients that could be returned to the soil, restoring soil health and the vitality of the soil food web.
- The methane from **organic waste** can be captured and used as a renewable energy source.
- Landfill space is limited and dwindling. Recycling reduces the need for new landfills.



OVER 3.9 BILLION TONS OF ORGANIC WASTE IS DISPOSED OF IN LANDFILLS EACH YEAR

HOW CAN I REDUCE ORGANIC WASTE?

- Donate unused, edible food to Food Donation Centers.
- Reduce excessive ordering of stock that may result in spoiled produce.
- Compost **organic waste** (contact local planning agencies for specific requirements).



RECYCLABLE ORGANIC WASTE IS NEARLY 40% OF THE MATERIAL THAT CALIFORNIANS DISPOSE OF IN LANDFILLS ANNUALLY

