



# Commercial Organic Waste Recycling

State Mandatory (AB 1826)

## California Legislature AB 1826

### Summary:

• Starting January 1, 2019, a business or multi-family dwelling with 5 or more units that generates four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste, per week, shall arrange for organic waste recycling services.

• All businesses (this includes multi-family dwellings that have 5 or more units) are required to be in compliance with AB 1826 by recycling all organic waste generated by landscaping and gardening maintenance activities occurring on site.

• Businesses within commercial centers with a shared trash system, are required to comply with AB 1826 if, collectively, all tenants generate four or more yards of organic waste per week.

### What is Organic Waste?

• Food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

### Food Waste Recycling-CR&R:

The City of Laguna Hills and CR&R Environmental Services have developed a Commercial Food Waste Recycling Program to help businesses meet the requirements of AB1826. CR&R can provide businesses or commercial centers with food waste collection receptacles of various sizes, and can collect these containers up to six days per week. CR&R is the City's franchised waste hauler. Contact CR&R customer service at the number below to order organic waste containers.

**1 (800) 826-9677 (Press 3).**

## Starting January 1, 2019

**Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial trash per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services.**

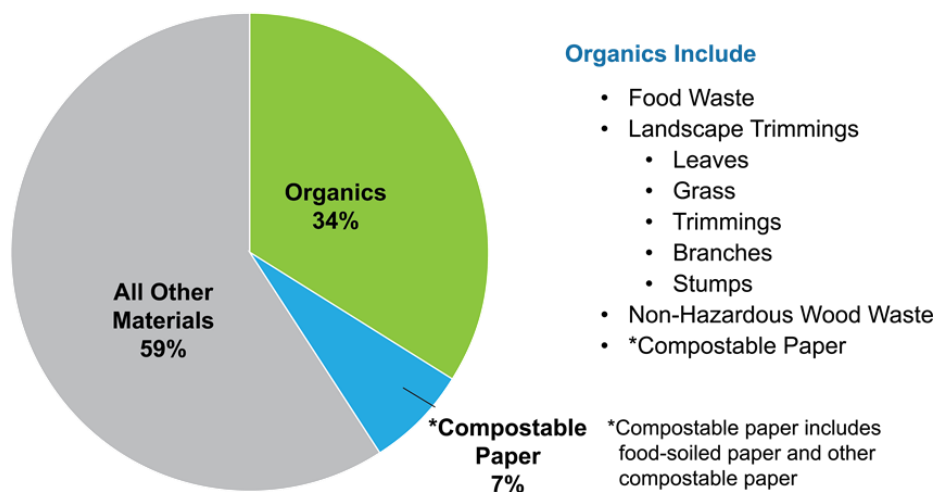
### How much is 4 cubic yards?

- **Dimensions:** 6 feet x 4.5 feet x 4 feet.
- **Volume:** 4 cubic yards (roughly 48 regular trash bags or 850 pounds)



### Organics in California's Overall Disposed Waste Stream 2014

Data from CalRecycle's 2014 Waste Characterization Report



**Examples of food-soiled paper:** Napkins, tissues, paper plates & cups, to-go containers, food-service wrappers, pizza boxes.

\*Boxes or food-service products such as wrappers, cups & bags that are lined with polyethylene or other synthetic grease-resistant compounds are **not compostable**.

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In 2014, CalRecycle reported that over 40 percent of the material Californians disposed in the landfill was organic waste that could have been recycled.

**The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any combination of the following actions\*:**

- Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle organic waste on-site, or self-haul organic waste for organic recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes mixed-waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- Sell or donate the generated organic waste.

**\*Actions must be in compliance with local ordinances and requirements.**



## RESOURCES

[www.findacomposter.com](http://www.findacomposter.com)

[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics)

[www.epa.gov/anaerobic-digestion](http://www.epa.gov/anaerobic-digestion)

[www.crrwasteservices.com/cities/california/county-of-orange/laguna-hills/businesses/](http://www.crrwasteservices.com/cities/california/county-of-orange/laguna-hills/businesses/)

**Cubic yard calculator** (Convert dimensions of a 3D object (in feet) to volume in cubic yards)

$(\text{Length in feet}) \times (\text{Width in feet}) \times (\text{Height in feet})$

27

= Cubic yards

### Donating Edible Food

Waste Not OC Coalition (855) 700-9662

Food Finders (562) 283-1400 x105

Second Harvest of Orange County (949) 653-2900.

### CR&R Customer Service

1-(800)-826-9677 (Press 3)

*To answer questions about organic waste recycling or for free assistance with implementing an organic waste recycling program please contact EcoNomics or CR&R at the following:*

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