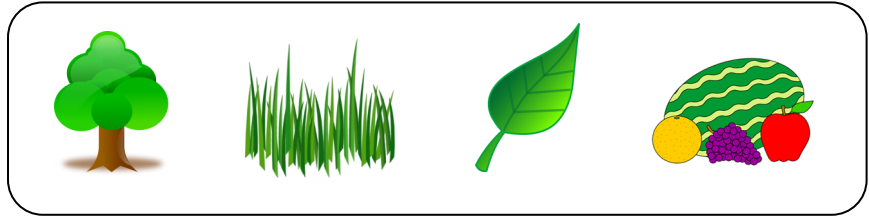


AB 1826 Mandatory Organics Recycling

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.



What is Organic Waste? Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.



Businesses, including public entities, and multi-family 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.

Overview of AB 1826 Requirements

Obligations for organics recycling begin in 2016 and ramp up over 4 years as summarized in the table below:

Date	Threshold amounts for Businesses*
April 1, 2016	8 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2017	4 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2019	4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week

* "Businesses" includes multi-family complexes with 5 units or more, however, multi-family premises are only required to recycle landscaping waste.

Businesses can meet the mandatory organics recycling requirements through any of the following:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle your organic waste on-site or self-haul the organic waste for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- Make other arrangements consistent with the existing right to sell or donate the recyclable organic waste material.



For more information about AB 1826, call Stanislaus County of Department of Environmental Resources at (209) 525-6700 or, visit the CalRecycle website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>

