Learn New Tricks to Reduce Waste

Important new organic recycling requirements starting January 1, 2019

State and County Resources:

Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe) Home Page
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics

Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORe) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm

CalRecycle Food Scrap Management Home Page
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food/default.htm

California Air Resources Board (ARB) Small Business Toolkit
www.CoolCalifornia.org

Los Angeles County Smart Business Recycling
www.businessrecycling.com

Food Donation Resources:

EPA Toolkit
epa.gov/sustainable-management-food
epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/tools-assessing-wasted-food

Local Guide
Los Angeles Food Bank food partner locator
lafoodbank.org/get-help/pantry-locator/

Food Finders
www.foodfinders.org

LA County Department of Public Health
www.savethefoodla.com

LA Food Policy Council "Reducing Food Waste: Recovering Untapped Resources in our Food System"
www.goodfoodla.org/food-waste/

CONTACT INFORMATION

• Check with your waste hauler or broker to confirm AB 1826 compliance.
• City of Burbank Recycle Center: (818) 238-3900

Organics: The Next Step in Recycling

The EPA’s Best Practices for Diverting Wasted Food

FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY

Source Reduction
Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

Feed Hungry People
Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

Feed Animals
Divert food scraps to animal feed

Industrial Uses
Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy

Composting
Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

Landfill/Incineration
Last resort to disposal

Diversion Through Food Donation!

Since 1996, the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (Public Law 104-210) has protected business donors from liability when giving food to nonprofit organizations.

LA County Department of Public Health supports the donation of edible food. Go to savethefoodla.com to learn more.

Burbank Recycle Center wants to hear your success stories! If you are donating food or have found alternatives to keep organics out of the waste stream, please let us know.
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California Business and Multi-Family Recycling Mandates for Organic Material

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In 2014, the California Legislature passed AB 1826, Mandatory Commercial Organic Recycling. This law requires all business and multifamily complexes to recycle their organic waste depending on weekly generation.

Starting January 1, 2019, commercial entities generating four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week will be under the AB 1826 mandate.

Compliance Actions: (One or more of the following)
- Separate organic waste from other waste and arrange for collection and recycling.
- Recycle organic waste on-site, or self-haul organic waste for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that uses mixed waste processing and specifically recycles organics.
- Sell or donate the organic waste.

Organic Waste Includes:
- Food
- Wet or food-soiled paper
- Yard Trimmings
- Non-hazardous wood waste

CHECK WITH YOUR WASTE HAULER OR BROKER to learn how to arrange for organic recycling.

BUSINESS: All organic material which includes, food scraps, green waste, landscape clippings, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper.

MULTI-FAMILY Units 5+: All organic material with the exception of food scraps and soiled paper.

Exemptions for Businesses and Multifamily Complexes: Contact the Burbank Recycle Center if you think your business may be exempt.

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- Reduce methane emissions (far more potent than carbon emissions)
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- New marketing opportunities to show business’ leadership and stewardship
- Build employee morale and customer loyalty
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Consider a food waste tracking tool to help measure and monitor organics generation.

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