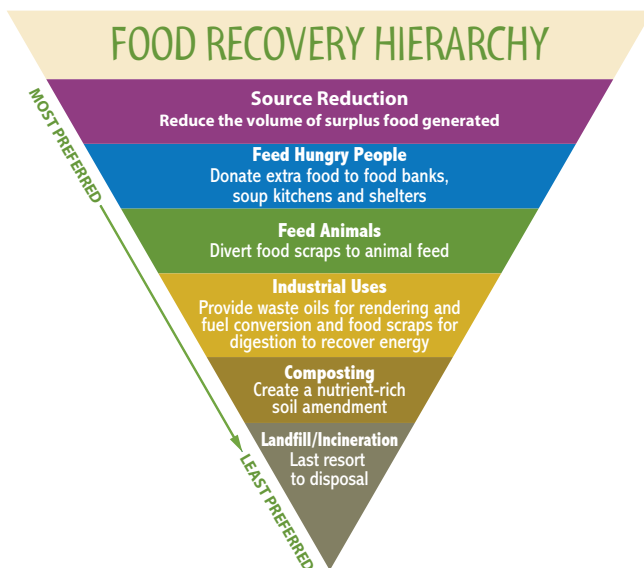


## Organics: The Next Step in Recycling

### The EPA's Best Practices for Diverting Wasted Food



### 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](http://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.  
[AHammes@burbankca.gov](mailto:AHammes@burbankca.gov)

## State and County Resources:

**Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORE) Home Page**  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics)

**Mandatory Organic Recycling (MORE) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).**  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm)

**CalRecycle Food Scrap Management Home Page**  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food/default.htm](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/Food/default.htm)

**California Air Resources Board (ARB) Small Business Toolkit**  
[www.CoolCalifornia.org](http://www.CoolCalifornia.org)

**Los Angeles County Smart Business Recycling**  
[www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com)

## Food Donation Resources:

### EPA Toolkit

[epa.gov/sustainable-management-food](http://epa.gov/sustainable-management-food)

[epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/tools-assessing-wasted-food](http://epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/tools-assessing-wasted-food)

### Local Guide

**Los Angeles Food Bank food partner locator**  
[lafoodbank.org/get-help/pantry-locator/](http://lafoodbank.org/get-help/pantry-locator/)

### Food Finders

[www.foodfinders.org](http://www.foodfinders.org)

**LA County Department of Public Health**  
[www.savethefoodla.com](http://www.savethefoodla.com)

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

## California Business and Multi-Family Recycling Mandates for Organic Material



**Important new organic recycling requirements starting January 1, 2019**

## AB 1826 Regulatory Requirements





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.

## Organics Are a Resource, Not "Waste"

**DID YOU KNOW?** *Recyclable organic waste accounts for almost 40 percent of the material buried in California landfills annually. Even more alarming, FOOD is 20 percent of what enters landfills.*



By preventing this organic material from entering the trash bin, it will become a resource that has many benefits:

- Preserve local landfill space
- Reduce methane emissions (*far more potent than carbon emissions*)
- Create beneficial uses like compost, energy or feeding people and animals.
- New marketing opportunities to show business' leadership and stewardship
- Build employee morale and customer loyalty
- Offset waste hauling costs by streamlining more efficiency
- Create cleaner recycling streams (*less contamination*)

### What Burbank businesses can do to divert organics from their trash

Waste is a sign of inefficiency and often requires paying twice - first for the original supplies and second for hauling it away as waste.

**Reduce and Reuse** Where can you apply waste prevention policies and acts?

**Contact Your Waste Hauler** as well as your broker or management company to assess appropriate hauling services and advice on the law, AB 1826.

### Training Your Staff and Tenants.

Once your organic and recycling program is set, staff training will ensure success. Bin contamination could cost more, so education on proper waste sorting and recycling is key.

Consider a food waste tracking tool to help measure and monitor organics generation.

