

Organics Recycling Law



California Assembly Bill 1826

AB 1826 requires that businesses producing organic waste, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, and landscaping companies set up programs to recycle their organic waste instead of sending it to the landfill.

Examples of organic waste includes:

All Foods - fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, bones, bread, cheese, grains, and eggshells.

Plant Material - floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, and weeds

Other Organics - waxed cardboard, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cartons, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, wooden crates, and sawdust

Implementation Dates:

- Businesses that generate **eight cubic yards of organic waste per week** must arrange for organic waste recycling service by **April 1, 2016**.
- Businesses that generate **four cubic yards of organic waste per week** must arrange for organic waste recycling service by **January 1, 2017**.
- Businesses that generate **four cubic yards or more of commercial waste per week** must arrange for organic waste recycling service by **January 2019**.

For more information on AB 1826, visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/>

To set up organic waste collection service, call Burrtec at 760-340-2113

For City of Palm Desert recycling questions, call 760-346-0611 x 416