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# Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling AB 1826 Now in Effect

## Covered Manhattan Beach Businesses Must Have Organics Recycling

As part of California's recycling and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals, AB 1826 requires businesses to collect yard trimmings and food scraps, effective April 1, 2016. Multi-family buildings with five or more units are required to collect yard trimmings, effective April 1, 2016. These organic materials account for nearly one-third of the approximately 30 million tons of waste destined for California's landfills each year.

Diverting organics from landfills for processing into compost and mulch reduces landfill GHG emissions and produces sustainable products that contribute to soil health, plant nutrition, water conservation and carbon sequestration. Mandatory commercial organics recycling helps to meet the goals of California's Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32.

### **WHO**

**Businesses** that generate eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week, including food scraps and yard trimmings, are required to have organics recycling service as of April 1, 2016.

**Multifamily** properties with five (5) units or more that generate eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week are also covered. As of January 1, 2019 collection of food scraps will be required.

### **WHAT**

**Food Scraps** including solid, semisolid, and liquid food, such as, fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; cut flowers and herbs.

**Yard Trimmings** including grass clippings, leaves, flowers, hedge trimmings, weeds, etc. **Nonhazardous Wood** including tree branches, trunks and untreated lumber.



#### WHERE

Every jurisdiction in California is required to implement an organics recycling program and conduct outreach to regulated businesses as of January 1, 2016. In addition, jurisdictions are required to monitor regulated businesses to ensure they comply with recycling requirements

### **WHEN**

**April 1, 2016,** businesses and multifamily buildings generating 8 cubic yards per week of covered organics shall arrange for organics recycling service.

**January 1, 2017**, businesses generating 4 cubic yards per week of organics shall arrange for organics recycling service.

**January 1, 2019**, businesses and multifamily properties generating 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste (trash) shall arrange for organics recycling service.

#### HOW

Our trained employees can help you determine the size container and frequency of service required to meet your needs.

Please contact Arielle Bernard at 818.299.0044 for more information.



## Organic Waste Recycling Q&A

# How do I know if my business or multi-family complex will be required to have organic waste recycling?

Initially, most entities that will be required to have organics recycling service will be in the food service industry (such as commissaries, grocery stores and restaurants) or multi-family complexes (that consist of five or more units) with green waste or yard trimmings. But after January 1, 2019, all businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week, regardless of type, must arrange for organic waste recycling services

### Where can I find more information about AB 1826?

Customers who are interested in learning more about AB 1826 can visit the State of California's CalRecycle webpage on Mandatory Commercial Recycling (http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/). For specific information about Commercial Organics Recycling, call Waste Management at (310) 830-7100.

### Take the AB 1826 Assessment

# BUSINESS ORGANIC WASTE SELF-ASSESSMENT

- 2. Does your business currently generate more than eight (8) cubic yards of organic waste per week?

  [] Yes [] No
- 3. Does your business currently generate more than four (4) cubic yards of organic waste per week?Yes No
- 4. Does your level trash service exceed four (4) cubic yards per week? 

  Yes No

# MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEX ORGANIC WASTE SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Does your multi-family complex (with five units or more) generate any green waste, including landscape and pruning waste and nonhazardous wood waste?
   Yes No
- 2. Does your multi-family complex currently generate more than eight (8) cubic yards of green waste per week? 

  No
- 3. Does your multi-family complex currently generate more than four (4) cubic yards of green waste per week? [] Yes [] No
- 4. Does your level trash service exceed four (4) cubic yards per week? 

  Yes No

### Assessment Results

Question #1: If you answered "Yes," then AB 1826 will apply to your business or multi-family complex.

Question #2: If you answered "Yes," you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service.

Question #3: If you answered "Yes," you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service by January 1, 2017.

Question #4: If you answered "Yes," you will need to arrange for organic waste recycling service by January 1, 2019.



# Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)

State of California Assembly Bill (AB 341) requires businesses that generate at least four cubic yards per week of solid waste and multi-family complexes with five units or more to have a recycling program in place.





Waste Management is pleased to provide commercial recycling services that can help your business comply with the State Assembly Bill 341!





To sign up for recycling services, contact Waste Management at (310) 830-7100 or email us at askgreen@wm.com.

Waste Management will provide all the materials and resources needed to start a successful program!

### **Green Business Certification**



Waste Management, the City of Manhattan Beach, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business Association have partnered up to certify and recognize businesses that promote sustainability in their business practices.

- Your MB business can apply for certification by visiting greenbusinessca.org and filling out the application.
- A Waste Management representative will contact you to follow up on the application and discuss the certification process.
- Or contact us at askgreen@wm.com

Not only will you help the environment and preserve valuable resources by participating in this program, you will also benefit from:

- · A healthier workplace
- Significant cost savings and access to rebates
- A "green seal" to place on your door or window
- An invitation to an annual awards

ceremony hosted by WM and the City

• Recognition on WM's local website: manhattanbeach.wm.com





### THESE ITEMS ARE RECYCLABLE

In your blue cart or white bin

### **Paper Products**

- Newspaper
- White/Color Paper
- Cardboard
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Telephone Books
- Paper Bags
- Cereal & Food Boxes
- Egg Cartons

### **Glass Products**

- Clear, Brown & Green Glass
- Food & Beverage Containers

### **Metal Products**

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Tin Cans
- Food Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans

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### **Plastic Products**

- Bottles & Containers
- Detergent Containers
- Plastic Packaging
- Reuse plastic bags or bring them to your local grocery store







### TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SUCCESS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Whether you have an existing recycling program or are starting from scratch, here are some quick and easy tips from Waste Management to help property owners and their tenants make California greener:

**Appoint a Recycling Champion**: Identify someone in your office building, apartment or condominium complex who will take ownership of the AB 341 process and coordinate participation.

Recycle: Place a desk-side recycling container (an empty copier paper carton will suffice) at every desk. Waste Management can help you obtain these containers. Contact Arielle Bernard at (818) 299-0044. Collect paper, bottles, cans and cardboard/paperboard from all your employees or tenants. Recycle old printer cartridges using mail-back containers from the supplier.

**Reduce**: This may help lower your monthly trash bill. Think before printing a document. E-mail information instead of using a hard copy. By reducing the amount of material going into your trash bins and increasing the level of recycling, you may reduce your monthly trash rate.

**Reuse**: Encourage employees and tenants to reuse. Use paper already printed on one side for notes or printing drafts on the other. Bring your lunch to work in reusable containers. Drink coffee out of a mug and bring a travel mug with you when on the road.

