

Mandatory Food Waste Recycling Webinar



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Questions

- **Ask questions in the chat; or,**
- **Email us your questions (contact emails on last slide)**
- **Questions and answers will be posted on both websites after the webinars**

Jurisdiction Information

- Why is understanding your location important?
 - The jurisdiction where your business is located will support the businesses, commercial properties, and residents in their jurisdiction
- What Jurisdiction are you in?
 - [Assessor Parcel Viewer \(https://assessorparcelviewer.saccounty.net/\)](https://assessorparcelviewer.saccounty.net/)
 - Did you know?
 - Incorporated Cities typically have blue or green street signs
 - Counties typically have beige street signs

Not in the City of Sacramento or Unincorporated Area of Sacramento County? We've Got You Covered!

Contact for Additional Incorporated Cities in Sacramento County:

- Citrus Heights:  CHrecycles@citrusheights.net |  <http://www.citrusheights.net/887/Organics-Recycling> |  (916)727-4770
- Elk Grove:  Christian Punsal cpunsal@elkgrovecity.org |  www.elkgrovecity.org/recycle
- Folsom:  solidwaste@folsom.ca.us |  www.folsom.ca.us/organics |  (916)461-6730
- Galt:  Mark Clarkson mclarkson@cityofgalt.org |  [City of Galt Business Organics](http://CityofGaltBusinessOrganics)
- Rancho Cordova:  recycle@cityofranhocordova.org |  www.ranchorecycles.com
- Isleton:  <https://cityofisleton.com/garbage-and-recycling/>

Agenda

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- **“Organics” Defined**
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- **Requesting a Compliance Waiver**
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Background

“Organic waste, including food waste, in landfills emits 20 percent of the state’s methane, a short-lived greenhouse super pollutant 70 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Reducing food waste and organic waste disposal is one of the fastest and easiest ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

Source: [CalRecycle](#)

Background (Recycling)

MANDATORY RECYCLING (AB 341):

- Took effect in 2011
- **Businesses, including schools and public entities with 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste service per week must have recycling services**
 - See slide 12 for common bin sizes. Check your solid waste bill to determine your current service level.

Recyclable Material:

- **Clean, Dry Paper**
- **Cardboard and Chipboard**
- **Plastic containers**
- **Metal and aluminum containers**
- **Glass containers**



Cardboard



Glass Bottles & Jars



Metal Containers



Hard Plastics



Background (Organics)

- **2014: Mandatory Organics Recycling Law - AB 1826**
 - **Objective of AB1826:**
 - *Achieve a 50% reduction* in disposal of organic waste from 2014 levels
- **2016: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reduction Law - SB 1383**
 - **Objectives of SB 1383:**
 - *Achieve a 50% reduction* in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020, and a *75% reduction* by 2025.
 - *Decrease food insecurity* throughout California by diverting no less than 20% of edible food for human consumption that is currently disposed of is recovered for human consumption by 2025.



“Organics” Defined

Organic Material:

- Food waste
 - Food scraps, uneaten or partially eaten food, decomposing food, etc.
- Food-soiled paper & cardboard
 - Paper napkins with food, greasy pizza boxes, etc.
- Green waste
 - Landscape and pruning waste
 - Nonhazardous wood waste (untreated and no paint)



Timeline for Compliance (Business & Commercial Properties)

ORGANICS (FOOD/GREEN WASTE) RECYCLING

January 1, 2019

- **Businesses & Commercial Properties w/ 4 or more cubic yards of garbage & recycling combined must recycle organic waste.**

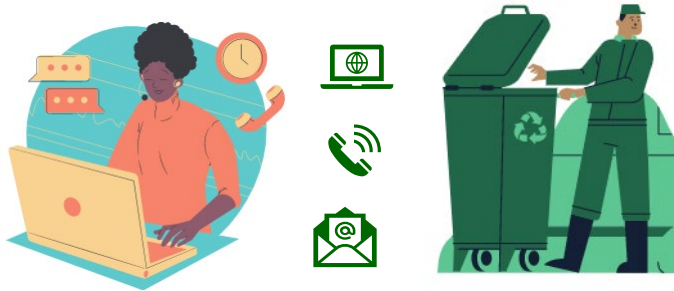
July 1, 2021

- **Businesses & Commercial Properties w/ 2 or more cubic yards of garbage & recycling combined must recycling organic waste.**

January 1, 2022

- **ALL Businesses & Commercial Properties must recycle organic waste.**

How to Comply



- **Easiest Method:** Contact your current hauler to add Organics Recycling collection service
 - All haulers have cart services as small as 64 gallons on wheels
 - *You have hauler options!*
- **Non-Traditional Compliance:**
 - Organics Material Recycling Compliance Form Submission & Approval Required
 - Non-Traditional Compliance Categories:
 - Third-Party Recycler
 - Self-Haul
 - Backhaul
 - Shared Container
 - On-Site Composting
- **IMPORTANT:** If you do not have Organics Recycling service, and do not have a non-traditional compliance approval or organics waiver, *your hauler will automatically drop an organics bin at your location*
- Haulers are required to report generator service levels for compliance



Implementing Your Organics Recycling Program



- **Label Bins and Carts**
 - Ask your hauler for bin labels, or find links on the City or County websites
- **Distribute Outreach and Education Materials to Employees, Customers, and Tenants**
 - Ask your hauler for education materials or find education on the City or County websites
- **Determine placement of collection bins**
 - Locate in areas where food is discarded, such as break rooms, guest dining areas, kitchens, tenant disposal areas, etc.
- **Provide Ongoing Outreach and Education**

Common Dumpster Sizes

Dumpster Sizes

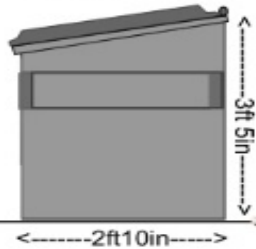
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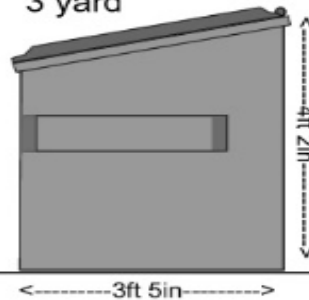
6ft
All Frontload dumpsters are 6 ft wide

Side view

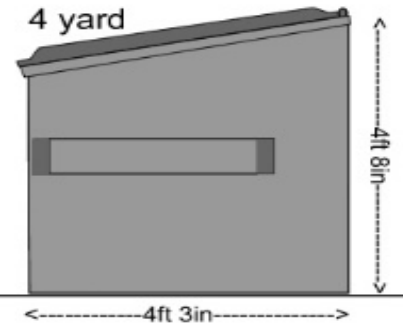
2 yard



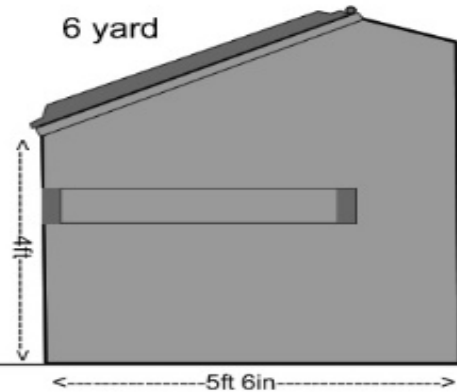
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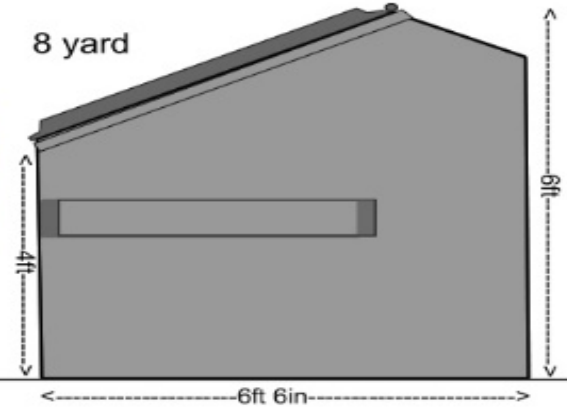
4 yard



6 yard



8 yard



Common Bin Sizes



Food Waste Recycling – Food Service & Kitchens

Back of the House / Kitchen



Dining Area / Exterior Dining

Food Waste Recycling – Business, Retail, Commercial



Place Clearly Labeled Receptacles Where Appropriate – Interior and Exterior (If applicable)

Small Space? (Examples: Break Rooms, Office Kitchens, Conference Rooms, etc)

- You still need a bin!
- Use Clearly Labeled Small Food Waste Bin Options



Reminders:

- Ensure Proper Signage for All Bins/Carts
 - Ask your Hauler for signage, or visit your jurisdiction's website
- Complete continuous education

Requesting a Waiver

- Currently, waivers *may* be granted by law only for certain circumstances
 - Only *eligible* businesses may apply
 - Jurisdictions review each application for approval on case-by-case basis
 - ALL granted waivers require an inspection within 5 years
- Recycling Waiver:
 - Physical Space (*Rare*) – Only granted if there is not physical space for the smallest bin or cart available, even after adjusting other services (ex: 64 gallon cart is 32”x24”x42”)
- Organics Waivers:
 - Physical Space (*Rare*) – Only granted if there is not physical space for the smallest bin or cart available, even after adjusting other services (ex: 64 gallon cart is 32”x24”x42”)
 - 20 Gallon or Less (Only available to eligible businesses)
 - Business or commercial property that accumulates less than 20 gallons of organic material per week (refer to “Organics” Defined slide)
 - Businesses must submit and retain proof of how organic waste material was measured

Links to Waiver Request Forms, and resources for completing a waiver: www.WasteRightSac.com

Ineligible Business Types (20 Gallon Waiver)

- All businesses requiring a permit from Sac County Environmental Management Dept (EMD) - Retail Food Protection Program
- Businesses that make food
- Restaurants
- Food Service (caterer, food pantry/closet, or any business that sells or serves food)
- Food manufacturer
- Wholesale food vendor
- Grocery stores
- Supermarkets
- Markets / mini marts serving coffee and/or selling food
- Schools
- Office campus with cafe on-site
- Businesses that serve food
- Gas station serving coffee and/or selling food
- Hotel / motel providing food service
- Cinema
- Theater
- Child care facility
- Senior care facility
- Hospital
- Event venue
- Convention center
- Arena
- Community center
- Training facility
- Plant business (nurseries, landscapers, florists, cannabis)
- Multifamily property with five or more units

Links to Waiver Request Forms, and additional resources about waivers: www.WasteRightSac.com

Organics Compliance Form & Waivers

- **Verify your business or commercial property type is eligible**
- **Verify your jurisdiction - Apply with correct jurisdiction**
- **Gather required documents prior to submitting**
- **Retain records for mandatory inspection**
- **Unsure? Ask your jurisdiction before submitting**

Section 1. Waiver Request

If you are submitting only an Alternative Service Verification, select "Submitting Alternative Service Verification Only, No Waiver Needed".

The following types of waivers can be requested:

20-Gallon or Less
Business generates less than 20 gallons of organic material per week.

Physical Space
Business does not have adequate space for an organic material container.

Which type of waiver are you requesting? *

20-Gallon or Less

Physical Space

Submitting Alternative Service Verification Only, No Waiver Needed

20-Gallon or Less Waiver Requirements

A 20-Gallon or Less Waiver may be granted if a business generates less than 20-gallons of organic material per "clean week" (no paint, no stain, etc.) into a measurable bucket(s) for one or more representative week(s). If the business generates more than 20 gallons of organic material per week, it is not eligible for a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver.

Note: If a portion of your organic material is already being recycled, such as your green waste/landscaping trim, you should request both a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver and submit an Alternative Services Verification.

Ineligible Businesses

The following businesses are ineligible for a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver:

1. All businesses that require a permit from Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD).
2. Businesses that make food
 - Restaurants
 - Food service business (caterer, food pantry/closet, or any business that sells or serves food)
 - Food manufacturer
 - Wholesale food vendor
 - Grocery store
 - Supermarket
 - Market / mini mart serving coffee and/or selling food
3. Businesses that serve food

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Key Takeaways

- **Organics Recycling has exponential benefits**
- **Know Your Jurisdiction - [Assessor Parcel Viewer](#)**
- **“Organics” - Food Waste, Food Soiled Paper & Cardboard, and Green Waste**
- **Organics Recycling Compliance Deadlines**
 - July 1, 2021 (2 cubic yards or more combined garbage and recycling service)
 - January 1, 2022 (ALL)
- **How to Comply**
 - **Contact an authorized garbage hauler to subscribe to organics service**
 - Each jurisdiction’s website will have an authorized garbage hauler list
 - **Obtain a compliance waiver, *if* your business meets waiver requirements**

Questions?

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Funding & Additional Resources:

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) | SacBERC.SacCounty.net