



City of Millbrae

Recycling & Waste
Prevention Program

AB 1826 - California's Mandatory Organics Recycling Law for Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes

Businesses and multi-family complexes with five (5) or more units that generate a specified amount of waste are required to recycle their organic waste per Assembly Bill 1826, the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling law.

Organic waste is food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. Multi-family complexes are only required to recycle yard trimmings. Businesses must recycle all organic waste.

The following is the timeline to implement an organics recycling collection program and is based on the amount of waste generated per week by businesses and multi-family complexes:

- April 1, 2016: accounts that generate eight (8) cubic yards or more of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2017: accounts that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2019: accounts that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week
- January 1, 2020: if determined by CalRecycle, accounts that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week

Businesses and multi-family complexes that meet the requirements described above need to sign-up for food scrap collection services provided by the SSF Scavenger Company or may compost organic waste on site upon approval from the City.

The SSF Scavenger Company provides organics collection services at a lower rate than garbage services. Implementing an organics program may save money on garbage bills. SSF Scavenger provides assistance for on-site assessments, cost estimates, indoor containers for collecting organic material, staff training and promotional materials. Contact the SSF Scavenger Company to set up organics recycling services at (650) 589-4020 or visit www.ssfscavenger.com for more information.

For more information on AB 1826 visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics



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