

# Overview of Assembly Bill 1826 Requirements:

Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) was signed by Governor Brown on September 28, 2014. It places requirements on businesses, multi-family premises, and jurisdictions to divert organic waste from landfills. The focus of AB 1826 is to keep food waste, green waste, and non-hazardous wood waste out of the landfills.

**Requirements for organics recycling began in 2016 and will ramp up over a 5-year period as summarized below.**

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Requirements for Businesses and Multi-family Premises</b>
April 1, 2016	Businesses with <b>8 cubic yards of organic waste</b> per week*
January 1, 2017	Business with <b>4 cubic yards of organic waste</b> per week*
January 1, 2019	Businesses with <b>4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste</b> per week*
January 1, 2020	Business with <b>2 cubic yards of commercial solid waste**</b> per week*

\*"Businesses" includes multi-family premises with 5 units or more that generate the threshold amount of waste.

Note: Multi-family properties are not required to recycle food waste.

\*\*Applicable only if CalRecycle determines by January 1, 2020, that the statewide disposal of organic waste has not been reduced to 50% of the 2014 disposal level.

The City of Lawndale in partnership with Republic Services established an organics recycling program that is available to all Lawndale businesses and multi-family complexes that meet the thresholds of AB 1826 at no additional charge. To find out if your business qualifies for the program, simply contact Republic Services at (800) 299-4898. Multi-family complexes can contact Republic Services to request a landscape waste cart at no additional charge to comply with the law.

Organic waste accounts for approximately 40% of the material in landfills that Californians dispose of annually. Most organic waste is recyclable through methods such as composting, mulching, and anaerobic digestion. Recycling organic waste not only saves our valuable landfill space, but also creates green jobs.