



September 15, 2020

To: REGULATED BUSINESS

Re: NEW THRESHOLD FOR MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANIC RECYCLING
REQUIREMENTS IN CALIFORNIA

We are writing to inform you of a change in the threshold for regulated businesses that are subject to the Mandatory Commercial Organic Waste Recycling requirements in Assembly Bill 1826 (Chesbro, 2014). These requirements are designed to move California to its statewide goal of a 75% recycling rate, including a reduction in the level of organic waste disposal by 50% from its current levels. Cities and Counties are required to provide programs to assist businesses in meeting these requirements. Some or all of your business locations within California have been or will be contacted by the City or County they are located within regarding the requirements to recycle all of the organic material they generate and the availability of organics recycling options available in their City or County.

Covered Businesses

The law sets forth a gradual increase in the number of businesses subject to these requirements. As of September 15, 2020, the new threshold is two cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste (total of trash, recyclable, and organics) per week.

Required Recycling

If any of your locations generate enough waste to be subject to the threshold noted above, they are required to take at least one of the following actions:

- 1) Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- 2) Recycle its organic waste onsite or self-haul its own organic waste for recycling.
- 3) Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- 4) Make other arrangements consistent with the existing right of a business to sell or donate its recyclable organic waste materials.

Additional Information on the Requirements and Tools for Complying can be found at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/FAQ.htm>.

If you would like to discuss these requirements and particular options for your locations in California, you can find contact information for local recycling coordinators for particular jurisdictions at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/Contacts/Default.htm>. You can also contact CalRecycle to discuss these requirements at LAMD@calrecycle.ca.gov or (916) 341-6199.