

# AB 1826

# Mandatory Organics Recycling



New organic recycling requirements will be phased in over several years and will help the state meet its goal to recycle 75 percent of its waste by 2020.

## What is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

Businesses, including public entities, and multi-family complexes of 5 units or more are required to recycle their organic waste on and after **JANUARY 1, 2019** that meet **4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste** per week.

"Businesses" includes multi-family complexes with 5 units or more, however, multi-family premises are only required to recycle landscaping waste.



## Businesses can meet the mandatory organics recycling requirements through any of the following:

- 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.
- Recycle your organic waste on-site or self-haul the organic waste for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- Make other arrangements consistent with the existing right to sell or donate the recyclable organic waste material.

## Locations that will accept organic waste:

Recology Blossom Valley Organics:	6133 Hammett Court, Modesto, CA	(209) 545-7718
City of Modesto Co-Compost Project:	7001 Jennings Road, Modesto, CA	(209) 538-2557
Recology Blossom Valley Organics:	3909 Gaffery Road, Vernalis, CA	(209) 833-3392

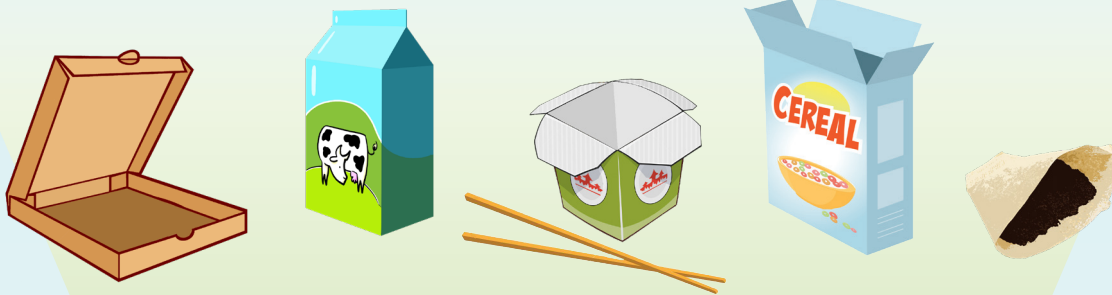


For more information about AB1826:  
Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources at (209) 525-6700  
CalRecycle website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>



# Examples Of What Can Go In A Compost Bin

Check with your specific hauler for what can go in the Compost Bin



SOILED PAPER



FOOD SCRAPS



PLANTS

**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**

## SOILED PAPER

- Coffee filters
- Greasy pizza boxes and paper bags
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper ice cream containers (metal rim is OK)
- Paper napkins, tissues and paper towels
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Waxy paper milk and juice cartons (no foil liner)

## FOOD SCRAPS

- All fruits and vegetables (pits and shells too)
- Coffee grounds and paper filter
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Eggshells and eggs
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)

## PLANTS

- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves
- Tree trimmings

## OTHER

- Bags labeled "Compostable" only
- Corks — natural
- Cotton balls/cotton swabs with paper stems
- Hair, fur, and feathers (non-synthetic/colored)
- Plastic clearly labeled "Compostable"
- Vegetable wood crates (metal wire OK)
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Wood - small pieces of clean wood/sawdust (no plywood/pressboard/painted/stained/treated)
- Wooden chopsticks, coffee stirrers, toothpicks