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City of Reedley

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Organic Waste Recycling Soon Required in Our Area

City of Reedley businesses alerted to 2016 law change

The City of Reedley is announcing the formal launch of our education and outreach efforts to prepare area businesses for California's new organics recycling law. Starting in April 1, 2016, businesses, including commercial or public entities like schools, hospitals, stores, restaurants, industrial businesses, for-profit or nonprofit organizations, residential dwellings with 5+ units*, and others must recycle their organic waste over time based on the amount and type of waste the business produces on a weekly basis, with full implementation realized in 2019.

*Note: Multifamily dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program.

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

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off site for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.

Organics recycling requirements depend on the amount of organic waste generated by the business each week (see chart below). The minimum threshold of organic waste generation by businesses decreases over time, so a larger proportion of the commercial sector will be required to comply in the new organics recycling requirements in the coming years.

Date	Threshold to arrange for organic waste recycling services
April 1, 2016	Businesses that generate 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2017	Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week
January 1, 2019	Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week
Summer/Fall 2021	*Businesses that generate 2 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week

*Takes effect if CalRecycle determines that statewide disposal of organic waste in 2020 has not been reduced by 50% of 2014 levels

The mandatory commercial organics recycling law (AB 1826) was signed in 2014 to help achieve California's aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals. California landfills about 30 million tons of waste each year, of which more than 30% is organic, which could be composted or used to produce renewable energy. Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills have been identified as a significant source of emissions contributing to global climate change.

For more information on this program visit www.calrecycle.com Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling.