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Mandatory Commercial Organic Waste Recycling (AB 1826)

Palos Verdes businesses alerted to 2017 law

Rancho Palos Verdes– City of Rancho Palos Verdes is announcing the continued formal education and outreach efforts to prepare area businesses for California's recycling law. Starting January 1 2017, businesses, including commercial or public entities like schools, hospitals, stores, restaurants, industrial businesses, for-profit or nonprofit organizations, residential dwellings with 5 or more 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 required to have a green/yard waste diversion program. Food waste diversion not required at this time.

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

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.

Businesses are urged to contact their trash hauler and discuss compliance with the new law. [Click here to learn more about California's Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law](#)