

## Mandatory Organics Recycling (AB 1826)

California has recently passed legislation requiring businesses to recycle organics starting April 1, 2016. The City and Waste Management are working together to offer comprehensive recycling programs for your organization.

AB 1826 defines a business as a commercial or public entity, such as a school, hospital or multifamily residential dwelling (5 units or more), that generates a specified amount of organic waste. This law requires businesses to arrange for organics recycling services based upon the following schedule:

- April 1, 2016 for generators of **8** cubic yards of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2017 for generators of **4** cubic yards of organic waste per week
- January 1, 2019 for generators of **4** cubic yards of solid waste per week

### What is Organic Waste?

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

Food waste includes solid, semisolid, and liquid food, such as, fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, oils and other food products. Food-soiled paper includes uncoated products such as coffee filters, tea bags, napkins, towels, tissues, and fast food wrappers.

### What Should You Do Next?

A business or multi-family complex should take the following actions in order to recycle, compost, or otherwise divert organic waste:

- Separate your organic waste from other waste and participate in an organics recycling program offered by Waste Management.
- If your landscaper is removing your landscape waste from your property, please complete the attached form and return via mail.
- If you already have a recycling program, please complete the attached form and return via mail.
- Or, you can self-haul your organic waste to a permitted facility (retain your receipts).

Remember, your business or multi-family complex is responsible for complying with the requirements of the state law. For information, contact Waste Management by calling (714) 558-7761 and/or email [WMSERVICE@WM.COM](mailto:WMSERVICE@WM.COM); or contact Christy Kindig, City of Santa Ana at (714) 647-5088.

