

# ORGANICS COLLECTION IS NOW MANDATORY FOR ALL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

## WHAT ARE THE NEW LAW REQUIREMENTS?

All commercial properties located in the unincorporated Sacramento County must meet state mandates per Senate Bill 1383 for diverting organic material from landfill disposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions starting January 1, 2022. This means businesses must subscribe to organics collection services and provide separate organics containers to employees and/or customers in addition to trash and recycling containers for use within the business.

## HOW DO I COMPLY?

Organics collection services are mandatory. To avoid being out of compliance and subject to fines and fees, call your waste hauler today and sign up for organics collection services for your property. Visit [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com), Business & Commercial tab, to learn about alternative organic services and waiver requirements.



## HAVE QUESTIONS?

View the backside of this flier for frequently asked questions or visit [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com), Business & Commercial tab, for more information about this new state law. To sign up for service, please contact your hauler directly.

**Email:** [CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov](mailto:CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov)

**Phone:** (916) 874-4200

*Please leave your name, property address, and phone number. Your email or voicemail will be returned within three business days.*



## WHAT ARE ORGANIC MATERIALS?



### Food Scraps

Cooked and raw food scraps, such as uneaten vegetables, fruits, meats, dairy, bones, baked goods, etc.



### Yard Trimmings/ Green Waste

Grass clippings, small branches, leaves, cut flowers, garden trimmings, wood chips, and clean wood (no paint, no stain), etc.



### Food-soiled paper

Used napkins, coffee filters, greasy pizza boxes, used paper plates and paper cups (non-coated), etc.

# FAQS FOR ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE AT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

- ▶ **I called my hauler but they said organics collection is not required and I do not have to sign up. Does that mean I'm exempt?**

The representative you spoke to was mistaken. Larger waste haulers with national franchises often have representatives located out of the state and may not have current information on California laws and regulations. Organics collection services are mandatory for all commercial properties. If you are not in compliance, your waste hauler will provide advance notice before delivering an organics cart and starting service at your commercial property.

- ▶ **When is the deadline for compliance?**

The new state law went into effect on January 1, 2022. You must have organics collection service to be in compliance with the new law.

- ▶ **How much will this service cost?**

Only your hauler can provide you with the cost of this service. Please contact them directly to inquire about cost and service-specific questions. It is possible that once you remove organic material from your garbage, you may be able to reduce the size or frequency of your garbage service to help offset the cost of organic collection services.

- ▶ **Can a business be waived from mandatory organics collection if a business does not generate organic material?**

Businesses who make, sell, or serve food are ineligible for a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver. A full list of ineligible business types can be found at **SacGreenTeam.com**, Business & Commercial tab. If your business is eligible, a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver may be granted if a business generates less than 20-gallons of organic material per week. The best way to determine this is to separate all of your organic material (food scraps, food-soiled paper, green waste/yard trimmings and clean wood) into a measurable bucket(s) for one (1) or more representative week(s). If the measured amount is less than 20-gallons, then you can request a 20-Gallon or Less Waiver by submitting an Organic Material Recycling Compliance Form.

- ▶ **What will be the size of the organics collection container?**

The size of your container will be determined by the service needs of your property. The smallest container is a 64-gallon cart (approximately 25" wide x 32" deep x 42" high). Please contact your waste hauler directly to inquire about container size and service-specific questions.



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