

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### WILL THIS TAKE MORE TIME TO SORT?

We understand that the transition may take time. However, once good habits are formed, it becomes second nature.

### WILL MY COMPOST CONTAINER SMELL?

We recommend using clear or BPI certified compostable bags for your compost. This will help keep odors down and your cart or bin clean.

### CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Want to know if your bags are BPI certified? Visit [BPIWorld.Org](http://BPIWorld.Org) to find out.

### HOW CAN I EDUCATE MY STAFF?

Recology offers free, on-site trainings to educate staff. We also provide posters, stickers, and internal containers. All at no additional cost!

#### PAPER TOWELS ONLY

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We turn our paper towels into compost



Limited quantities apply to outreach materials and are subject to availability.

## BIN & CART SIZES

SIZE	DEPTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT
32-Gallon	24.25"	19.25"	38.50"
64-Gallon	31.75"	24.25"	41.75"
96-Gallon	35.25"	29.75"	43.25"
1-Cubic Yard	29.00"	82.00"	39.00"
2-Cubic Yard	40.00"	82.00"	53.00"
3-Cubic Yard	47.00"	82.00"	62.00"

Weight limits apply. Sizes are approximate.



### QUESTIONS?

Contact Recology's Waste Zero Team to learn more about our compost and recycling programs.



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# COMPOSTING

*Are you in compliance?*

**New State Law Requirements for  
Businesses and Multi-Family Dwellings**



## MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING

Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) is a law enacted by the State of California that requires businesses and Multi-Family Dwellings to begin compost service.

### WHEN WILL I BE AFFECTED?

The first phase of AB 1826 focuses on organic waste in the garbage. Generators of the following volumes of organic waste in the garbage will need compost service by the corresponding dates.

APRIL 1, 2016

**8** Cubic Yards (or more) per week of Organic Waste

JANUARY 1, 2017

**4** Cubic Yards (or more) per week of Organic Waste

The next phase of AB 1826 focuses on garbage service. Generators of the following garbage volumes will need to have compost service by the corresponding dates.

JANUARY 1, 2019

**4** Cubic Yards (or more) per week of Garbage

JANUARY 1, 2020

**2** Cubic Yards (or more) per week of Garbage

For more information, please visit:  
[calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics)

## WHAT GOES IN THE COMPOST BIN?

We accept all food scraps, food soiled paper products, coffee grounds & filters, meat, bones, fish, dairy, waxed cardboard, clean wood, and yard waste.



## MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

Multi-Family Dwellings are not required by AB 1826 to compost food waste, but they are required to ensure that yard waste and landscape materials generated on-site are composted. However, if you would like to start a compost program at your property for food waste, we can help.

Recology's Waste Zero Team provides the following support to ensure your compost program is a success:

- Kitchen Pails
- Posters and Stickers
- Community Presentations
- Service Announcement Letters
- Waste Audits



## WHY COMPOST?

### SAVE MONEY!

Compost service is often offered at a reduced rate. By starting a compost program and reducing your garbage service, you may be able to reduce your monthly costs.

### REDUCE WASTE!

Composting reduces landfill waste, extending the life of the local landfill, which also reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. You can do your part by starting compost collection service.

### HELP FARMERS!

Compost is provided to local farmers, schools and community gardens, which returns nutrients to the soil and also helps retain water.

### Want some free compost for your garden?

Look for our Compost Giveaways throughout the year, where we provide free compost to residents in our service area. Compost is also available for residents year-round at the Shoreway Environmental Center. See website below for more information.

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