


Yes

-  Meat and bones
-  Vegetables and fruit, cooked and raw, including peels, pits and seeds
-  Dairy products and eggs
-  Fish and shellfish
-  Grains and pasta
-  Plate scrapings
-  Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags
-  Food soiled paper
-  Yard waste

No

-  Plastic, even if compostable & biodegradable
-  Coffee cups or straws
-  Metal, rubber or glass
-  Diapers or baby wipes
-  Pet waste or kitty litter

Check with your service provider for a detailed list of items that can be included in your organics container.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your waste hauler for specific details and service options.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Environmental Management Dept.
EMD.SacCounty.net/EC/Pages/Recycling.aspx

Sacramento Solid Waste Authority
WasteRightSac.com

**County of Sacramento
Waste Management & Recycling**
SacGreenTeam.com

City of Sacramento Recycling & Solid Waste
SacRecycle.org

CalRecycle
calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/

**Business Environmental Resource Center
(BERC)** SacBERC.SacCounty.net

WasteRight
Sacramento
Commercial Food Waste in its Right Place

WasteRightSac.com

Organic Waste Recycling



State law requires businesses to recycle organic waste.

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Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) Requires Businesses to Recycle Organic Waste



WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE?

- Food scraps
- Produce, meat and baked goods
- Coffee grounds & tea bags
- Food-soiled paper and cardboard
- Green waste (lawn clippings, leaves)
- Non-hazardous wood (non-treated)

WHO MUST COMPLY?

Businesses that subscribe to 4 or more cubic yards of weekly trash and recycling combined are required to have an organics recycling program. This law applies to all businesses, not just those that sell food.

HOW DO I COMPLY?

Collect organic waste in a separate bin. Contact your waste hauler to obtain an Organic Waste bin if you do not have one. Check with your hauler to determine what items they allow in the bin.

WHY RECYCLE ORGANIC WASTE?

- Organic waste decomposes anaerobically (without oxygen) and releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere.
- When organic waste is landfilled, we lose critical nutrients that could be returned to the soil, restoring soil health and the vitality of the soil food web.
- The methane from organic waste can be captured and used as a renewable energy source.
- Our natural resources are limited and recycling helps keep us sustainable.

WHO WILL INSPECT MY BUSINESS?

Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) staff will verify Organic Waste recycling compliance at your business.

HOW CAN I REDUCE ORGANIC WASTE?

- Reduce excessive ordering of stock that may result in spoiled produce.
- Donate unused, edible food to Food Donation Centers.
- Compost organic waste on site.

Recyclable organic waste is nearly **40%** of the material that Californians dispose of in landfills annually.



Over **3.9 billion tons** of organic waste is disposed of in landfills each year.

