Businesses, including public entities, and multi-family complexes of 5 units or more are required to recycle their organic waste on and after **JANUARY 1, 2019** that meet 4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week. “Businesses” includes multi-family complexes with 5 units or more, however, multi-family premises are only required to recycle landscaping waste.

What is Organic Waste?

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

Businesses can meet the mandatory organics recycling requirements through any of the following:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to a basic level of organic waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
- Recycle your organic waste on-site or self-haul the organic waste for recycling.
- Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
- Make other arrangements consistent with the existing right to sell or donate the recyclable organic waste material.

Locations that will accept organic waste:

- **Recology Blossom Valley Organics**: 6133 Hammett Court, Modesto, CA  (209) 545-7718
- **City of Modesto Co-Compost Project**: 7001 Jennings Road, Modesto, CA  (209) 538-2557
- **Recology Blossom Valley Organics**: 3909 Gaffery Road, Vernalis, CA  (209) 833-3392

For more information about AB 1826:

Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources at (209) 525-6700

CalRecycle website: http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/
Examples Of What Can Go In A Compost Bin

Check with your specific hauler for what can go in the Compost Bin

SOILED PAPER
- Coffee filters
- Greasy pizza boxes and paper bags
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper ice cream containers (metal rim is OK)
- Paper napkins, tissues and paper towels
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Waxy paper milk and juice cartons (no foil liner)

FOOD_SCRAPS
- All fruits and vegetables (pits and shells too)
- Coffee grounds and paper filter
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Eggshells and eggs
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)

PLANTS
- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves
- Tree trimmings

OTHER
- Bags labeled “Compostable” only
- Corks — natural
- Cotton balls/cotton swabs with paper stems
- Hair, fur, and feathers (non-synthetic/colored)
- Plastic clearly labeled “Compostable”
- Vegetable wood crates (metal wire OK)
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Wood - small pieces of clean wood/sawdust (no plywood/pressboard/painted/stained/treated)
- Wooden chopsticks, coffee stirrers, toothpicks

NO PLASTIC BAGS!