

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

For businesses and multi-family dwellings



The State of California has passed Assembly Bill 1826 which requires **MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING** beginning **April 1, 2016**.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RECYCLE ORGANIC WASTE IF YOUR PROPERTY IS:

- A business that disposes of 8 cubic yards or more of organic material; or
- A multi-family dwelling of 5 units or more.

What is **organic waste**? Organic waste is most commonly food items such as fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products; and yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and trimmings.

YOU CAN COMPLY WITH THIS LAW BY:

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Subscribing to mandatory trash service with the City's franchise waste hauler, Advance Disposal, who will collect all your waste in one bin and separate organic materials at their materials recovery facility; or

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Separating your organic materials from your trash and taking them to an organics recycling center.



For more information, contact the City of Hesperia's Environmental Programs Coordinator at (760) 947-1006, via email at eacosta@cityofhesperia.us or by visiting our website at www.cityofhesperia.us/MCR.

Recycling and Composting Tips



COMPOSTING AT HOME

Anyone can compost, whether you live on a 500 acre ranch or in a 500 square foot apartment.

- **Decide on your method:** Whether you're interested in keeping scraps outside in an enclosed by feeding scraps to worms or even keeping an open air pile, when it comes to composting there's no wrong way about it.
- **Know what is compostable:** Regardless of your method, these items are generally considered safe to compost:
 - **Green Material:** fruits and vegetable scraps; coffee grounds; tea bags and leaves; fresh cut grass (avoid weeds).
 - **Brown Material:** Dead/wilted leaves and flowers; paper towels and napkins; soiled newspaper and cardboard; bread and crackers; junk mail; straw sawdust.
- **Establish your method:** Decide how to get your kitchen scraps outside. Some people like to take them out after each meal; others keep them in a small container in the kitchen and remove them at the end of each day. Remember, the best way to compost is your way; now try something new and go for it!

RECYCLING MADE EASY

Anyone can become a recycling pro; here are three easy ways to increase your recycling efforts.

- **Anticipate Recycling:** When buying goods at the store, keep in mind the packaging and if they can't be recycled or composted find a more environmentally friendly substitute. Better yet, buy products with no packaging when possible.
- **Buy Recycled:** The purpose of recycling is to cycle through materials and use them not once but multiple times. See an item that is made of "post consumer product"? It means it's been recycled.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Everyone knows the saying, but did you know recycling is at the end for a reason? By reducing the amount of products we purchase or consume and by reusing those that we already have, we can effectively lower the amount of trash taken to the landfill.