

Get Ready for Commercial Compost Collection Service

Covered Businesses Must Have Compost Collection Service as of April 1, 2016

As part of California's recycling and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals, businesses will be required by State law (AB 1826) to collect yard trimmings, food scraps and food-soiled paper for composting, effective April 1, 2016. These compostable materials account for nearly one-third of the approximately 30 million tons of waste destined for California's landfills each year.

Diverting compostable materials from landfills for processing into compost and mulch reduces landfill GHG emissions and produces sustainable products that contribute to soil health, plant nutrition, water conservation and carbon sequestration. Mandatory commercial compost collection service helps to meet the goals of California's **Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32**.



WHO

Businesses that generate eight (8) cubic yards of compostable waste per week are required to have commercial compost collection service as of April 1, 2016.

WHAT

Food Scraps including solid, semisolid, and liquid food, such as, fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry, seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; coffee filters and tea bags; cut flowers and herbs.

Food-Soiled Paper including paper that is soiled with liquid or solid food waste and typically includes products such as napkins, towels, and tissues, paper plates, paper cups, fast food wrappers, egg cartons, used pizza boxes, wax-coated cardboard, and other similar paper or compostable packaging.

Yard Trimmings including grass clippings, leaves, flowers, hedge trimmings, weeds, etc. **Nonhazardous Wood** including tree branches, trunks and untreated, unpainted lumber

WHERE

Every city in California is required to implement a commercial compost collection service program and conduct outreach to regulated businesses as of January 1, 2016. In addition, cities are required to monitor regulated business to ensure they comply with recycling requirements.

WHEN

April 1, 2016, businesses generating 8 or more cubic yards per week of compostable materials shall arrange for commercial compost collection service.

January 1, 2017, businesses generating 4 or more cubic yards per week of compostable materials shall arrange for commercial compost collection service.

January 1, 2019, businesses generating 4 or more cubic yards of commercial solid waste (trash) shall arrange for commercial compost collection service.

HOW

Waste Management offers commercial compost collection service at discounted rates. Our trained employees can help you determine the size container and frequency of service required to meet your needs.

To start service, please call (925) 837-3356 to schedule a free waste assessment from one of our technical advisers. The free assessment will determine the correct level of service to meet your needs and maximize your savings.