

Business and Apartment Complex Organic Waste Recycling



With the passage of AB 1826, new organic recycling requirements will be phased in over several years and will help California meet its goal to recycle 75 percent of its waste by 2020. South Tahoe Refuse and Recycling can help local businesses comply with the new law through its Resource Recovery Facility and Food Waste Recycling Program.

Businesses, including public entities, and apartment complexes of 5 units or more are required to recycle their organic waste, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week:

- **April 1, 2016 – generators of 8 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week;**
- **January 1, 2017 – generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week;**
- **January 1, 2019 – generators of 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week;**
- **January 1, 2020 – generators of 2 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, if statewide disposal of organic waste is not decreased by half.**

The law requires that businesses arrange for recycling services for the following types of organic waste: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper. Multifamily complexes must arrange for recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper.

The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any combination of the following actions:

1. **Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to our food waste recycling service, which includes collection and recycling of organic waste.**
2. **Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste to our Resource Recovery Facility.**
3. **Donate the generated organic waste.**

In South Lake Tahoe, most organic waste is recyclable through the South Tahoe Refuse Resource Recovery Facility and is used for composting and mulching. Food Waste Recycling is done through a separate, weekly collection service operated by South Tahoe Refuse and Recycling and composted at Full Circle Compost.

South Tahoe Refuse and Recycling can provide information on our food waste collection route and ways to effectively implement the program within your properties, maximizing recovery of organics and reducing contamination. Information is available at 530-541-5105 and at:

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