

Who is affected by AB 1826?

Restaurants, hotels, and businesses that generate organic waste

What is Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes food, paper and cardboard containing food waste, plant waste, and wood

When does it start?

January 1, 2017: Businesses that produce 4 cubic yards or more of **organic waste** per week are required to recycle their organic waste (The standard trash dumpster is 3 cubic yards).

January 1, 2019: Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of **solid waste** per week will be required to recycle their organic waste. This deadline is important because the threshold is based on the total amount of trash produced.

Why is the state requiring this?

Organic waste recycling is a state mandate designed to reduce the amount of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas (GHG) that is causing the climate to change. Organic waste produces methane when it decomposes. Recycling organic waste reduces the amount of methane from entering the atmosphere. This mandate is one part of a comprehensive effort by the state to combat GHG production.

What do I need to do?

Your role is to keep organic waste separate from regular trash. Trash will still be disposed of in the trash dumpster, but organic waste will now be disposed of in a separate dumpster only for organic waste. Organic waste includes food, paper and cardboard containing food waste, plant waste, and wood.

Rainbow Environmental Services will collect organic waste separately from regular trash and other recyclable material. A specialized collection vehicle will deliver the material to processing facilities that will convert it to renewable energy and soil enhancements.

How Do I Make Less Waste?

There are things that you can do to reduce the impact and cost of the organic waste recycling. Taking steps now to reduce your organic waste will reduce the cost and impact on your business.

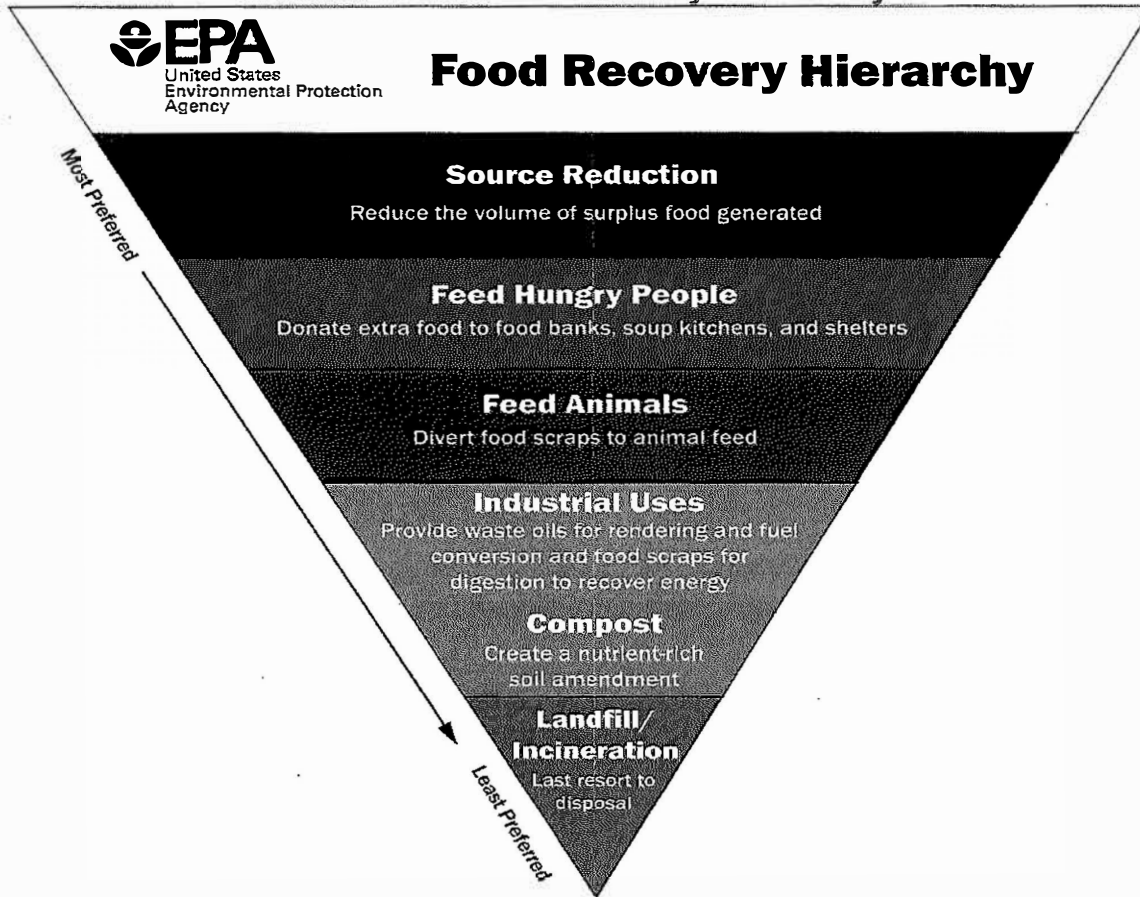
The key is to reduce your trash below 4 cubic yards per week. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a Food Recovery Hierarchy showing how to best recover food for other purposes, reduce your trash, and lower production of GHG (see other side of flyer).

The City of Fountain Valley and the **Waste Not OC Coalition** have joined together to combat hunger. You can reduce your waste by donating edible food to local food pantries instead of the landfill. Call a Waste Not OC Partner at 855.700.9662 to arrange for a convenient pickup. Donated food will feed those in need. By donating edible food, your business can save money and help the community. Donating food is easier than you think!



Waste Not OC is a coalition of food banks, pantries, food retailers, waste haulers and the Orange County Health Department. Additional information is enclosed.

EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy



The EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy shows how to best recover food for other purposes and avoid production of GHG. Apply the pyramid to your operations to decrease organic waste and redirect food for a greater use than simply burying in the landfill.

For more information on the organic waste recycling program, please call Rainbow Environmental Services at (714) 847-3581, the Fountain Valley Public Works Department at (714) 593-4441 or visit the City website at www.fountainvalley.org.

Attention Business Owners:
Changes to Trash Collection!

New Commercial Organic Waste Recycling Requirements That Could Affect Your Business

State law (Assembly Bill 1826) will require your restaurant to participate in an organic waste recycling program. This requirement will change how you dispose of organic waste.

