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Dear Business Owner,

Are you complying with California's recycling and composting laws? Find out here!

Who Must Participate

Recycling is already mandatory for businesses that generate four or more yards of trash per week and all multifamily dwellings with five or more units (per AB 341).

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826) requires businesses that generate organic materials to separate the material for composting. Organic materials include food scraps, green waste, landscape and pruning waste and clean wood waste. Businesses that generate specified amounts of organic materials or trash should arrange for composting services, in accordance with the following schedule:

Business Deadlines	Volume Requirements for Participation
April 1, 2016	8 yds. or more of organic waste/wk.
January 1, 2017	4 yds. or more of organic waste/wk.
January 1, 2019	4 yds. or more of solid waste/wk.
January 1, 2020	2 yds. or more of solid waste/wk.

How to Arrange for Recycling or Composting Services

Please see the enclosed brochure for a description of our business recycling services. For more information, call the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency at (707) 259-8330 or Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling at (707) 963-7988, or email upvalleyrecycles@countyofnapa.org.

Upper Valley Waste Management Agency can conduct free on-site visits to help businesses and food service establishments comply with the State's mandatory recycling and composting requirements.

You can find more information on California's recycling and composting laws, including helpful FAQ pages, at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics and www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial.

Thank you for your help in reaching California's recycling, composting and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Napa County Green Business Program

Apply to Be a Green Business

A certified Green Business operates in an environmentally-responsible manner. By offering technical assistance, the County helps local businesses save money by helping them to conserve energy and water, minimize waste, prevent pollution, and shrink their carbon footprint.

The program, part of the California Green Business Network, certifies small and medium sized businesses throughout Napa County. The program also acts as the third party certifier for the Green Winery Program.



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Steps to Certification

- Enroll at: www.greenbusinessca.org
- Document successes in energy efficiency, water conservation, pollution prevention and solid waste reduction/recycling
- Green Business partners will conduct waste, water and energy assessments
- Complete the application (*all categories should be at 80-90% completion*)
- Participate in a final walk-through and receive your Green Business Certification

For more information, contact:

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Tips for a Successful Food Composting Program

- Provide convenient, clearly labeled containers in areas where food waste is generated.
- Use containers sized appropriately for employee lifting. Food scraps can be very heavy.
- Always keep the lids closed on the food composting carts to minimize odor and vectors.
- Designate one or more staff members to oversee the program.
- Periodically clean food scrap carts.

For more information, contact:

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These same materials have always been in your garbage, with proper handling the food composting program will not make your business messier.