



City of Millbrae

Recycling & Waste
Prevention Program

AB 1826 - California's Mandatory Organics Recycling Law for Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes

Businesses and multi-family complexes with five (5) or more units that generate a specified amount of waste are required to recycle their organic waste per Assembly Bill 1826, the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling law.

Organic waste is food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. Multi-family complexes are required to recycle yard trimmings only. Businesses must recycle all organic waste.

Businesses that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste (garbage, organics and recyclables) a week are required to have organic waste collected for composting.

Businesses and multi-family complexes that meet the requirements described above need to sign-up for organics recycling collection services provided by the SSF Scavenger Company or may compost organic waste on site upon approval from the City.

The cost of organics collection is generally the same as for garbage. Implementing an organics program may save money on garbage bills. The more you recycle cans, bottles, containers, paper and cardboard and organic waste, the more you reduce the amount of garbage thrown away.

SSF Scavenger assists with on-site assessments, cost estimates, indoor containers for collecting organic material, staff training, and promotional materials. Contact the SSF Scavenger Company to set up organics recycling services at 650-589-4020 or visit www.ssfscavenger.com for more information.

For more information on AB 1826, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics.



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