

MANAGING ORGANIC WASTE IN LEASED COUNTY FACILITIES

Do County facilities in leased properties (non-County owned) need to comply with the Mandatory Organics Recycling law known as AB 1826?

Yes. However, complying with this law will depend on the conditions of the lease, such as who is responsible for trash collection services and what options for organics recycling the regular trash collection provider has available.

If your facility is leased, please contact the property owner or facility manager.

You can take the following steps:

1. Ask if the property owner or facility manager is familiar with the requirements of AB 1826 and, if they are aware, how the building tenants are going to comply with this law.
2. Inform the property owner that facilities generating over 4 cubic yards per week of solid waste are required to comply with AB 1826 starting January 1, 2019.

To determine if your facility generates over 4 cubic yards per week of waste, ask the property owner or manager for a copy of the waste hauling invoice.

3. If you determine that your facility is required to comply with AB 1826, please notify the property owner of this requirement. If you are unsure, feel free to contact Los Angeles County Public Works, Environmental Programs Division for assistance.
4. Suggest that the property owner take the steps below to ensure compliance with AB 1826.

Contact your waste hauler and ask if they provide organic waste recycling services and if there are any limitations or restrictions on the types of organic waste they collect. Setting up service varies depending on facility location, as follows:

Facilities in **County Unincorporated Areas:**

If your waste hauler does not provide organic waste recycling services, you can find an authorized commercial waste hauler <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/businesses-hauler-services.aspx>. For further assistance, please contact Los Angeles County Public Works Environmental Programs Division.

Facilities in the **City of Los Angeles:**

Please contact your RecycLA service provider and sign up for organic waste recycling services or call the RecycLA 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489.

Facilities in other **cities in Los Angeles County:**

Please contact your current waste hauler to ask if they provide organic waste recycling services. If not, please contact the solid waste services division of the city in which your facility is located to determine if you can sign up for organic waste recycling services outside of your current contract. For further assistance, please contact Los Angeles County Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

If a group of businesses in a strip mall or large building arranges for waste services together or has its waste services provided by a property management company, the cumulative total of the waste generated by the businesses will determine whether the group is subject to AB 1826. All businesses and facilities within the strip mall or building are required to comply with the law even if, individually, they do not generate solid waste over the compliance threshold. An individual tenant will not be held liable if other tenants of the strip mall or building are not recycling organic waste. There may be some tenants of the strip mall or building that do not generate organic waste at all and will not be subject to AB 1826, per CalRecycle.

Please contact Ms. Kawsar Vazifdar of Los Angeles County Public Works Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3514 or kvazifdar@dpw.lacounty.gov if you would like assistance with any of the following:

- Determining if your facility needs to comply with AB 1826
- Contacting your waste hauler to sign up for organic waste recycling services
- Signing up for organic waste recycling services outside of your current waste collection contract
- Setting up an organic waste recycling program at your facility
- Finding out more information about organic waste recycling