



COMMERCIAL ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

**ALL BUSINESSES IN
NEVADA COUNTY ARE
REQUIRED TO RECYCLE
ORGANIC WASTE!**

WHY?

By law, Nevada County is required to implement an organic waste recycling program in order to divert organic waste generated by businesses, which includes multifamily residential dwellings consisting of 5 or more units.

HOW?

1

Select Compliance Pathway

The County provides three-bin service (trash, recycling and organic waste) via its hauler, WM. The County also allows alternative compliance pathways - review your options below!

Subscribe with WM

WM provides collection services in Nevada County. Sign up for service directly from their website or by calling customer service.

Contact

530.274.3090
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Scan this QR code to visit WM's website.

Self-Haul

You may self-haul organic waste to a permitted solid waste facility operation, that processes or recovers source separated organic waste.

Your place of business is still required to separate organic waste, including food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard debris and must maintain records proving the material is being recycled.

Scan this QR code to access the application for both self-haul and waiver process



Apply for a Waiver

A commercial business may be waived from some or all of the organic waste requirements in the following circumstances:

De Minimis Waiver

For businesses with:

- » 2 CY or more of total solid waste service per week & organic waste comprises less than 20 gallons per week.
- » Less than 2 CY of total solid waste service per week & organic waste comprises less than 10 gallons per week.

Physical Space Waiver

- » Premises lack adequate space for any organic waste collection containers.

2

Set Up Sorting Containers Where Disposal Occurs

Place indoor collection containers and signage for the collection of recyclables and organics. Provide the opportunity to recycle and compost anywhere there is a garbage can.

3

Provide Information to Employees and Tenants

Ensure employees and tenants (for multi-family complexes) know how to properly separate garbage, recycling and organics and provide this education on an annual basis.

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Require Proper Sorting

You, your staff, tenants, and visitors are required to source separate material. Ensure all waste generators know they have a role to play in organics recycling!

5

Periodically Inspect

Every so often, take a look inside your waste containers to see if there is contamination and understand how well your employees are participating.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Happens If I Don't Comply?

Progressive enforcement action will begin with a notice of violation and you may be subject to penalties, as required by SB 1383 regulations and included in Nevada County Code. More information can be found on CalRecycle's website - scan the QR code for direct access.



Why Do I Need to Recycle Organic Waste?

Organic waste recycling is required by Senate Bill (SB) 1383 the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy and County Municipal Code. SB 1383 is a California bill that sets goals to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, with the ultimate goal of reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. This law requires all jurisdictions throughout the state, like the County, to implement an organic waste collection program for businesses and residents.

How Can I Reduce the Amount of Organic Waste I Generate?

You can reduce the amount of organic waste generated at your business by inventorying and monitoring supplies, changing processes, and buying less wherever possible. More food waste reduction tips can be found at the EPA's website - scan the QR code for direct access.

