

MANAGING ORGANIC WASTE IN LEASED COUNTY FACILITIES

Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) requires all businesses, including County facilities in leased buildings, to divert generated organic waste from landfill disposal.

Enforcement of the **regulations** begins January 1, 2022.

If you rent rooms/units or lease buildings for your County operations, contact the building/facility manager or property owner to clarify and plan how your operations will comply with the law upon conditions of the rental/lease. Agreements and contracts with various hauling vendors may require amending to incorporate as many types of organic waste they can process. Contracts with additional vendors may be required to divert as much organic waste from your County operations as possible. As the law holds the property owner responsible, conditions may be added to rental and lease agreements to allow tenants to meet the requirements of the regulations.

With new organic waste collection service, most businesses will need to separate their food waste and utilize a new food waste container. Request your waste hauler to provide specific information on how to separate waste into correct containers to ensure proper processing of organic waste and reduce contamination. Your facility may self-haul organic waste to an acceptable site such as a community compost center.

You can also take steps to reduce the amount of food waste you generate by buying only what you need, storing food adequately, or donating surplus edible food. Visit **FoodDROPLA.com** for more information on donating food. For assistance and outreach material, visit **pw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics** or call 1(888) CLEAN LA.

PROPERTY OWNER / FACILITY MANAGER RESOURCES

To setup organic waste recycling services:

- In the boundaries of the County - current commercial franchise haulers may be contacted:
pw.lacounty.gov/epd/swims/TrashCollection/docs/AuthorizedCommercialWasteHaulers.pdf
- In a County unincorporated community:
 - Required to comply with the County Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance:
library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT20UT_DIV4BORWAMA
 - Subscribe to organic waste collection services. Self-hauling is also allowed under certain circumstances. If your facility self-manages any part of the organic waste generated, such as through self-hauling, backyard composting or back-hauling, the facility will be required to register and submit information to Los Angeles County Public Works to ensure compliance.
 - For more information about the Ordinance Guidelines, visit:
pw.lacounty.gov/epd/CleanLA/OrganicWaste.aspx
- In the City of Los Angeles - recycLA services with the area waste hauler may be used:
lacitysan.org/recycLA
- In other cities - contact the solid waste services division of the city

For more information on business compliance with current recycling laws:

[pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/pdfs/Businesses%20Flyer%20\(English%20and%20Spanish\).pdf](http://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/sbr/pdfs/Businesses%20Flyer%20(English%20and%20Spanish).pdf)

