



## City of Brea

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION\*\*\***

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING LAW (AB 1826)**

**March 22, 2021**

Dear Business Owner or Manager:

The City of Brea recognizes that the COVID-19 global pandemic is affecting our families, businesses, community, and way of life. We understand that these might be very difficult times for some businesses, while for others, it might be a time of growth. ***During this uniquely challenging time, we want you to know – we're here as a resource.*** Especially now with the change in working situations, life routines, etc., there have been dramatic changes to the amount and types of solid waste being produced. Approximately 40% of the material Californians dispose of in landfills is recyclable organic waste and, in response, the State of California passed Assembly Bill 1826 requiring businesses to recycle organic waste. Although the City of Brea is responsible for implementing AB1826, we are also aware of the impact additional regulations may put on businesses and want to work together to find solutions with the least impact possible to businesses.

**What is Organic Waste?** Organic waste (also referred to as organics), means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

**What is the Law?** In October 2014, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 1826 requiring businesses and other waste generators to recycle their organic waste on, and after April 1, 2016, starting with large waste generators first. Since the statewide disposal of organic material was not reduced by the 50% goal by January 1, 2020, **the recycling requirement now applies to businesses generating 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week** (solid waste is the total of trash, recycling, and organics). Based on your current waste production, your business or multifamily complex located in the City of Brea falls into this category. Multifamily complexes of 5 or more units must arrange for recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper. To learn more about AB1826 online, visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics>.

**How Do I Comply?** The goal is to keep organics material out of the landfill so organic waste must now be separated from trash. You can comply with this law by choosing any one or more of the following organics recycling program options:

**City Council**

**Steven Vargas**  
Mayor

**Cecilia Hupp**  
Mayor Pro Tem

**Christine Marick**  
Council Member

**Glenn Parker**  
Council Member

**Marty Simonoff**  
Council Member

- subscribe to food scrap recycling through Republic Services (the City's exclusive waste hauler) by calling the City Recycling Coordinator, Lizette Longacre, at 714-990-7645;
- recycle food scraps onsite through methods such as composting, or self-haul food scraps to a composting facility;
- donate eligible food to a local food bank or Waste Not OC (855-700-9662) and/or;
- have your landscaper properly divert collected green waste from the landfill by hauling it to permitted facilities or depositing it in a green waste container.

### **What to Do Next**

Together, the City and Republic Services offer a variety of options to help you get started or expand your existing program. From food waste collection to landscape diversion, we can help you find a solution to meet your needs while being sensitive to the financial situation in which COVID-19 has placed many businesses. **For more information, or to sign up for food waste collection, contact the City Recycling Coordinator at 714-990-7645 or [recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net](mailto:recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net).**

Once you have determined how you are/will be complying with AB 1826, **please complete and return the self-certification form included with this letter indicating which option(s) you are participating in within 60 days of this notice.** Please feel free to contact Lizette Longacre, City of Brea Recycling Coordinator, at (714) 990-7645 or [recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net](mailto:recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net) if you have any questions on any of these options or the self-certification form. Your completed form will enable us to report back to the State agency (CalRecycle) that your business has taken the required action and is in compliance, or in the process of compliance with State law.

Please mail, or email, the self-certification form to:

**City of Brea  
Public Works Department  
Attn: Recycling Coordinator  
1 Civic Center Circle  
Brea, CA 92821**

**OR**

**[recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net](mailto:recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net)**

Thank you and we wish everyone a safe and healthy 2021,



Tony Olmos, P.E.  
Public Works Director



**Self-Certification Form for Compliance with *Organics Recycling Law AB 1826***



<b>Business Name</b> (Republic Services waste account holder in Brea)	
<b>Business Address</b> (in Brea)	
<b>Contact Person</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>	

**I hereby certify that the business listed above is participating in the following:**

- Organic materials generated at my business include (check all that apply):
  - Pre-consumer food scraps (i.e., vegetable trimmings, spoiled produce, etc.)
  - Post-consumer food scraps (i.e., plate scrapings, employee/customer discarded food)
  - Landscaping/green waste  Wood waste
  - Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the status of your food scraps/organics recycling program? (MULTIFAMILY COMPLEXES SKIP TO QUESTION 3)
  - A. Active:** Our business **currently** diverts organics/food scraps from the landfill via one of the following:
    - Republic Services collects and recycles our food scraps via a container serviced by Republic Services.
    - Food Donation: We participate in edible food recovery by donating to a food bank/pantry.  
Food Bank/Pantry Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
    - Self-hauling: Organics are taken to a location for composting, recycling, and/or used for animal feed.  
Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
    - Another vendor collects and recycles food waste (i.e., agricultural reuse).  
Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
    - Other (e.g., onsite processing or composting – please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Pending:** Our business **will be** implementing a food scraps diversion program through Republic Services.  
Date organics cart/bin will be delivered by Republic Services: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Non-compliant:** Our business currently **does not** have a food scraps/organics recycling program.  
Please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_
- How does your business currently **recycle** landscaping/green waste and wood waste?
  - A. Landscaping Contractor removes landscaping/green waste and/or wood waste and it is taken to:  
Landscaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Recycling Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. The Business Center/Plaza handles green waste via the following Owner/Property Manager:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Manager Name and Phone)
  - C. Green waste is thrown in the trash (if selected, you are not in compliance)

By signing below, you are certifying that the information above is true and accurate. If applicable, a follow-up inspection and/or request of your business records on file pertaining to commercial organics recycling may be conducted by the State governing agency (CalRecycle) or its designee at any time to verify compliance.

“I certify under penalty of law that, based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons(s) directly responsible for gathering the information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted herein is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for knowingly submitting false information.”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail, or email, self-certification form to:  
**City of Brea, Public Works Department**  
**Attn: Recycling Coordinator**  
**1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821**

OR

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