

# ORGANIC WASTE EXAMPLES

*Includes, but not limited to...*

## **Green Waste:**

- Grass clippings
- Leaves and branches
- Flower and hedge trimmings
- Weeds
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood (not painted or treated)

## **Food Scraps:**

- Fruits and vegetables
- Cheese and dairy
- Meat, bones, poultry and seafood
- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cut flowers and herbs
- Coffee filters and tea bags
- Any putrescible matter produced from human or animal food production, preparation, and consumption activities

## **Food-Soiled Paper:**

- Napkins, towels and tissues
- Paper plates and cups
- Fast food wrappers
- Egg cartons
- Pizza boxes
- Paper packaging
- 100% (fiber based) compostable serving-ware and to-go container packaging

**EVERY DAY  
IS EARTH DAY**

## **AMERICAN ORGANICS**

We are proud to be a positive part of the recycling loop by receiving local organic material and creating nutrient rich, soil amendments to help grow healthy foods for you and your community.

The American Organic's facility is located in Victorville, CA and is owned and operated by Athens Services. Our compost material is OMRI Listed® (Organic Materials Review Institute) and licensed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); it is approved to be used in agricultural operations that are certified organic under the USDA National Organic Program.



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# YOUR COMMUNITY'S AB1826 SOLUTION

ORGANICS | FOOD SCRAPS | COMPOST



## AB1826 REQUIREMENTS

The law requires that businesses arrange for recycling services for organic waste. At Athens, we will be recycling your organics through composting, mulching and anaerobic digestion.



## WHO MUST COMPLY?

All businesses that generate organic waste will eventually be subject to AB 1826, including multi-family residential dwellings that consist of five or more units. (Please note: multi-family dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program, only green waste recycling services).



**California** disposes approximately **30 million tons** of waste in landfills each year (of which more than **30%** is organic matter).

By diverting organics from the landfill, we are helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create beneficial soil amendments, produce renewable energy and close the recycling loop.



## OUR ORGANICS MISSION!

Providing sustainable, closed-loop solutions to organics management while educating consumers, diverting valuable resources from landfills and enhancing the quality of green waste and food scraps for beneficial reuse.

### ORGANICS IMPLEMENTATION

#### TIMELINE

- **April 1, 2016:**  
Businesses generating eight (8) cubic-yards or more of organics waste weekly must arrange for organics waste recycling services.
- **January 1, 2017:**  
Businesses generating four (4) cubic-yards or more of organics waste weekly must arrange for organics waste recycling services.
- **January 1, 2019:**  
Businesses generating four (4) cubic-yards or more of solid waste weekly must arrange for organics waste recycling services.



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