Organic Waste Self-Hauler Requirements

Are you a gardener, landscaper, or contractor who generates organic waste and self-hauls your materials for disposal?

IF YES

If yes, then the following requirements begin January 1, 2022:

1. You must separate organic waste from garbage and recycle it.
2. You are not allowed to landfill organic waste.
3. Each time you take organic waste to a facility for recycling, keep a record of the amount of organic waste including:
   a. Delivery receipts and weight tickets.
   b. Total number of cubic yards or tons transported.
   c. If the facility you use does not have scales:
      i. Record the facility name;
      ii. The date organic waste was delivered; and,
      iii. Estimated amount in cubic yards that you delivered.

Why do I need to follow the organics recycling requirements and keep facility records?

1. A new State law requires cities to monitor and inspect business’ records to make sure organic waste is being recycled. Keep your records for five years. For more information, visit Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/haulers.
2. Recycling organic waste and keeping it out of the landfill decreases polluting greenhouse gases and has the fastest impact on slowing the climate crisis.

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ORGANIC WASTE means leaves, grass, trimmings, branches, stumps, and other plant debris generated when performing work at a home or business.