

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Pomona Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Event

6/22/19 from 9am-3pm LA County Fairgrounds  
2118 N. White Avenue, Gate 9 (south of Arrow Highway) Pomona, CA 91768

### AB 1826: State Mandated Organics Recycling

California generates approximately 20-23 million tons of organic waste annually, which accounts for about two thirds of our waste stream. Assembly Bill 1826, along with proposed Senate Bill 1383, attempts to combat the problem behind these staggering statistics.

California State Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) mandates that businesses generating four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, must recycle organics. This became effective in 2019, to help reach the state's goal of organics waste reduction. Should the law not yield the results required by law in 2020, the threshold will be lowered to require businesses generating two cubic yards of solid waste per week to recycle organics as well.

Ideally, Cal Recycle would like everyone to try and follow the steps in the Environmental Protection Agency Food Recovery Hierarchy pyramid below when determining how to lower the amount of organics they dispose of.



Source reduction starts with our community, by not buying more than is needed in the first place. If there are leftovers, try to feed hungry people or animals. If not, try to find an industrial use, this is where the city's waste hauler, Waste Management comes in. Waste Management takes the organics we generate and turns it into fuel used to power their clean fleet of collection trucks. Composting is the next option, which can be done right in your own backyard, literally. Check out Los Angeles County Smart Gardening Program at <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/> for information, class schedules and discounted composting bins. Organics should be sent to the landfill, only as a last resort.

