



Dear Valued Customer,

This is a follow-up communication to the flyers sent by your hauler in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The City of Riverside requires your commercial property to subscribe to a commercial recycling and commercial organics recycling program before July 1, 2022.

Approximately 70% of what we throw away in Riverside could be recycled or composted. Starting in 2022, State law and City ordinance requires subscribing to recycle, organic, and garbage service and sorting waste into the proper containers.

According to CalRecycle:

“Landfills Are Third Largest Source of Methane in California”.

Organic waste in landfills emits:

- 20% of the state’s methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.
- Air pollutants like PM 2.5, which contributes to health conditions like asthma.

Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills.

Reducing Short-Lived Climate Super Pollutants like organic waste will have the fastest impact on the climate crisis.” (<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>)

Failure to subscribe to commercial recycling and commercial organics recycling services at your commercial property by July 1, 2022 will result in the mandatory automated minimum level of service being delivered to your property and the additional cost for these services. Customers receiving the mandatory automated minimum level of service will be responsible for keeping the equipment secure and will be liable for any damages to the equipment.

How to Comply

1. You are required to subscribe to commercial recycling and commercial organics recycling services. To subscribe, contact your commercial hauler:

Athens Services – (888) 336-6100 or OrganicsRequest@athensservices.com

Not sure what type of collection service you need?

Your hauler is here to help! Call to schedule a site evaluation to determine which type of service will be most cost effective and appropriate for your business or multi-family property.

2. You may self-haul the green waste you generate on an on-going basis to a composting/recycling facility to comply with the organics recycling requirement. However, you are still required to subscribe to commercial recycling services with your hauler.

- a. Important: If you self-haul your green waste, you must request and complete the City of Riverside approved self-haul form by calling your hauler. Proof of proper on-going organics recycling is required to ensure compliance.
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3. You may apply for a De Minimus Waiver if you do not meet the minimum conditions required to comply with this mandate. Exemption eligibility includes:
 - a. Commercial Recycling: Generate less than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week.
 - b. Commercial Organics Recycling: Businesses that generate less than 2 cubic yards of solid waste and have less than 10 gallons of organic waste per week or generate more than 2 cubic yards of solid waste and have less than 20 gallons of organic waste per week may be eligible for a waiver.

Please contact your hauler to apply for the De Minimus Waiver or have questions regarding exemption eligibility.

We look forward to serving you!

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