

RECYCLE ORGANICS RIGHT



Did you know that as of April 2016, per **Assembly Bill 1826**, multifamily complexes of 5 units or more and businesses producing four cubic yards or more of organic waste are **required** to provide additional organics recycling service? Multi-family complexes must collect organic material from gardening materials, and businesses are required to divert both food waste and gardening materials? **It's the next step in achieving the State's greenhouse gas emission and recycling goals.**

Being Mindful

California disposes approximately 30 million tons of waste in landfills each year. Common organic waste such as food scraps, grass clippings, landscape and prunings, and nonhazardous wood can easily be recycled through the use of composting and mulching in your lawn or yard – which produces a nice green touch to your plants!

Over 40% of Glendale's waste stream is organic. As a community, we can reduce this waste by purchasing the appropriate amount of food, donating surplus food, and being mindful of what is being disposed at the local landfill.



Actions to take to reduce organic waste



Create grocery lists before you shop to buy exactly what you need



Donate extra food to food banks and shelters to feed those in need



Compost & mulch organic waste to use on your lawn or garden or give to a neighbor

REDUCE WASTE

If we want to create a healthy Glendale for the future, it starts with buying less and reusing more. It's no secret that we are huge consumers. All of this consumption can lead to unnecessary waste. And while many items can be recycled, this process still takes time and energy, which uses resources.

Reducing what you buy and reusing what you already have will ultimately save more natural resources and create less pollution in our community.

Here are some tips for reducing and reusing:



Buy less stuff

Plan ahead and think about your household needs on a weekly basis.



Buy in bulk

Get larger packages which use fewer resources and save money.



Avoid over packaged purchases

Avoid products wrapped in plastic or excessively packaged in boxes and bags. Use your reusable bag or container!



Use durable goods

Use durable cups and dishes instead of disposable products.



Donate

Donate unwanted items that are still useable to help those in need.

When we work together to reduce, reuse, and recycle right, everyone in our community will benefit!