What you need to Know about Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

In 2014, the State of California passed AB 1826 and AB 1594 that required businesses and multifamily units source separate and recycle all organic waste.

What Is Organic Waste

Organic waste is anything that comes from plants or animals that is biodegradable. Organic materials include the following:

Yard waste - Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, pruning's, & flowers.

Kitchen waste – fruit, bread, fish meat, vegetables, & compostable bags.

Benefits of Organic Waste Recycling

Recycling organic waste:

- Prevents global warming by reducing greenhouse gases
- Helps to produce renewable forms of energy
- Reduces the amount of waste going to landfills
- Produces helpful products like compost that is used in farming and gardening.

Business Requirements

Businesses will be required do one of the following:

1. Source separate organics from waste & subscribe to services that recycles organics
2. Recycle organics onsite or self-haul
3. Subscribe to services that includes mixed waste processing.
4. Make other arrangements such as selling or donating organics

Multifamily & Property Owner Requirements

- Multifamily dwellings of fewer of 5 unit are not required to participated .
- Multifamily dwellings with 5 or more units must participate in greenwaste recycling (grass, leaves, etc).
- Property owners must subscribe to an organic recycling program& may require tenants to separate organics

CR&R Organic Program

Businesses & multifamily units will received a separate 64 gallon bin. Collection and disposal of organics will be done using a different truck & will be done on the same day.

The City of Stanton has an agreement with CR&R Environmental Services to provide waste removal & recycling services in the City. CR&R has a new organic recycling program that meets CalRecycle's requirements.

CR&R Organic Program

Organic waste will be transported to CR&R's new organics facility where the waste will be transformed into methane.

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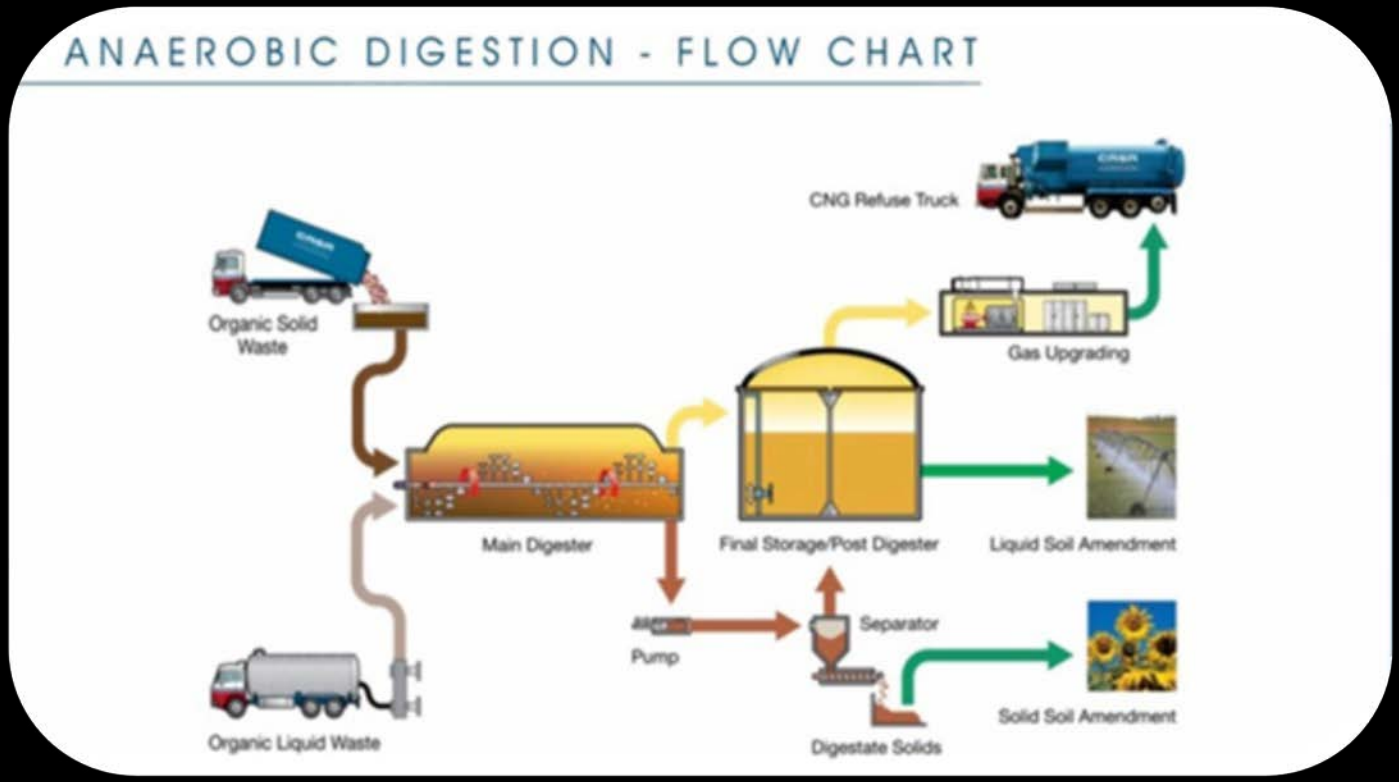
At the facility, CR&R uses the process of anaerobic digestion to turn organic waste into useful byproducts like fuel and soil amendment.



Informational Websites

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/

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www.crrwasteservices.com