



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

State law will require your business to implement an organic waste recycling program (Program). Organic waste includes food, paper and cardboard containing food waste, plant waste, and wood.

Rainbow Environmental Services (Rainbow) will contact you to determine the size of organic waste recycling container needed to participate.

The Program is a state mandate designed to reduce the amount of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas (GHG) that is causing climate change. Organic waste produces methane when it decomposes. The Program recycles organic waste and prevents methane from entering the atmosphere.

There are things that you can do to reduce the impact and cost of the Program. Taking steps now to reduce your organic waste will reduce the impact on your operations. This flyer includes information to help you reduce the amount of waste produced. Reducing your waste will reduce your Program cost.

Your role is to keep organic waste separate from regular trash. Trash will still be disposed in the trash dumpster, organic waste will now be disposed in a separate dumpster only for organic waste. Additional Program information will be provided to you by the City and Rainbow during implementation.



Rainbow will collect organic waste separately from regular trash and other recyclable material. A specialized collection vehicle will deliver the material to processing facilities that will convert it to renewable energy and soil enhancements. These processes will prevent the methane from being released into the atmosphere.

Starting Dates:

January 1, 2017: Businesses that produce 4 cubic yards or more of **organic waste** per week are required to recycle their organic waste. The standard trash dumpster is 3 cubic yards.

January 1, 2019: Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of **solid waste** per week will be required to recycle their organic waste.

The key is to reduce your solid waste, i.e. the trash, below 4 cubic yards per week. The City strongly encourages that you take all reasonable measures to reduce the amount of trash and organic waste that you produce. Please share this Program information with all of your employees.

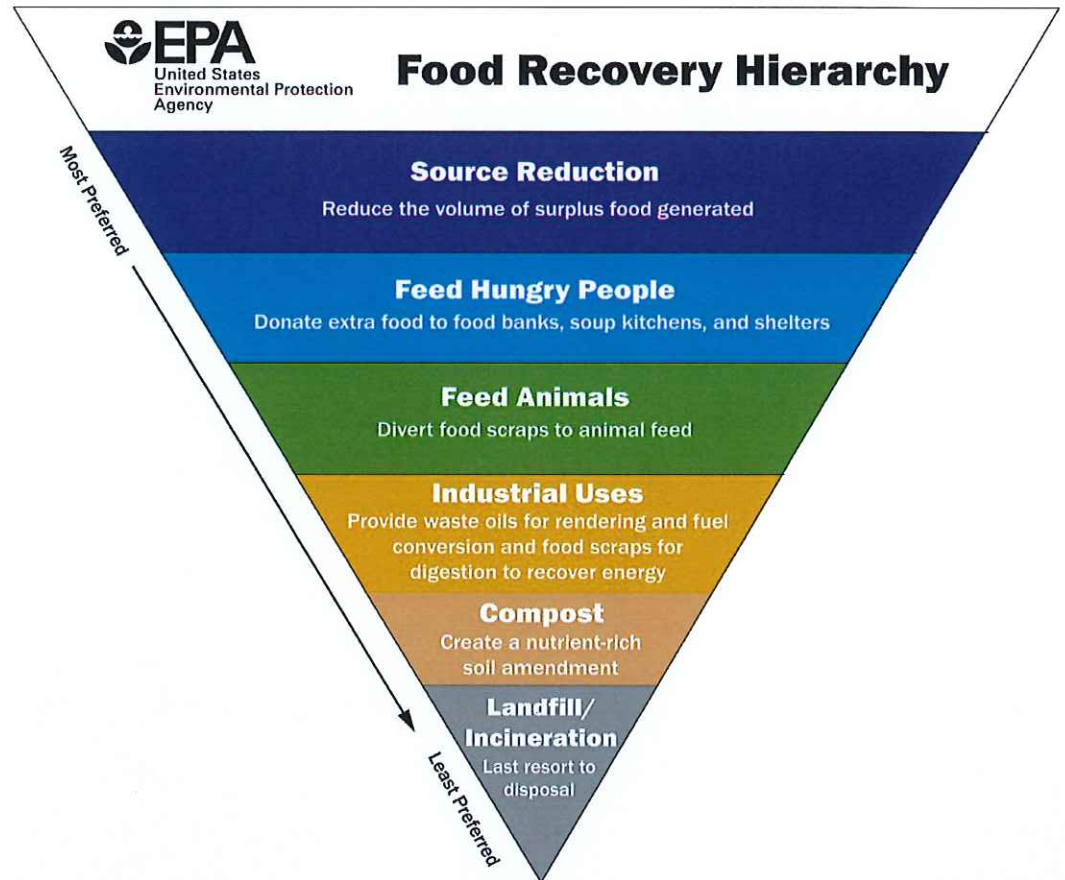
Rainbow will contact you sometime in 2018 to determine the size of organic waste recycling container needed to participate. Program cost will vary according to the amount of waste generated.

The New Organic Waste Recycling Program - What You Need to Know

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a Food Recovery Hierarchy on how to best recover food for other purposes and avoid production of GHG. The upside down pyramid goes from the most preferred method to reduce food waste down to the least preferred (landfill disposal). Reducing food waste can help reduce your waste disposal and organic waste recycling costs.

The first step is to make less food waste. **Source Reduction** means reducing the volume of surplus food that is throw out in the trash. Preventing food waste is a matter of implementing efficient restaurant practices, which leads us to **Feed Hungry People**. The City of Fountain Valley, in partnership with the **Waste Not OC Coalition**, have joined together to combat hunger. Waste Not OC is a coalition of food banks, health care representatives, restaurants, and community leaders working together to facilitate the donation and distribution of food surplus to the needy.

Through **Waste Not OC**, the collection of food waste from your business is available seven days a week. All collected food is donated to those in need. All that is asked is that the donated food is handled and stored in a safe, sanitary manner, and maintained in the same manner as food sold to your customers. Visit www.wastenotoc.org for more information on who needs your help and where you can donate your surplus, edible food.



By donating edible food, you will demonstrate that you're a money-wise and caring member of the community. Donating food is easier than you think! In Orange County, food donation can also be achieved by contacting the Second Harvest Food Bank at www.feedingoc.org. For more information on the City's organic waste recycling program, please call the Fountain Valley Public Works Department at (714) 593-4441 or visit the City's website at www.fountainvalley.org.