



Organics Law



You May Be Impacted

To help meet Washington state's emissions and climate goals, the Organics Management Law was passed in 2022 to reduce the amount of methane created when organic materials decompose in a landfill.

Starting January 1, 2024, businesses generating at least eight cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for organic materials management service.

A business is defined as any for-profit or non-profit commercial or public entity. This includes firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, schools, hospitals, and public agencies and institutions. Multifamily residential entities are not considered businesses under the law.

What is Organic Material Waste?

Organic waste is any waste from fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products, fish, nuts, seeds, grains, or similar materials from storage, preparation, cooking, handling, selling, or serving food for human consumption. Lawn and garden debris such as twigs, grass clippings, plants, and leaves are included.

Do you generate less than eight cubic yards of organic waste? You may need to comply in 2025 or 2026. For more information, see reverse side.

Resources

Point your phone's camera at the QR code below.



Visit website

<https://ecology.wa.gov/OM-law-businesses>



Contact Ecology

Organics@ecy.wa.gov, 509-960-1290 Contact the Organics Team at Ecology with questions or technical assistance support needs.



Solid Waste Management Program
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey, WA 98503