



### AB 1826 EXEMPTION PROCESS

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- Existing business actions (such as food donation) that recycle a significant portion of organic waste
- The business generates less than one-half (0.5) of a cubic yard of organic waste per week
- Lack of sufficient space to provide additional organic material recycling bins
- Extraordinary and unforeseen events (limited-term exemptions)
- A business self-hauls organic waste

#### Exemption Process:

1. Submit a Republic Services AB 1826 Exemption Application Form.
  - Submit applications by Email: [sgerardo@republicservices.com](mailto:sgerardo@republicservices.com)
  - Mail/In-Person: Republic Services of Imperial Valley, Attn: Recycling Coordinator, 3354 Dogwood Rd, Imperial CA 92251
2. A representative from Republic Services of Imperial Valley, the City's trash and recycling contractor, will visit and perform a waste assessment to determine whether your business or multifamily complex qualifies for exemptions.
3. Photographs that support the need for an exemption will be taken.
4. After the site visit, the Republic Services of Imperial Valley representative will prepare a report that includes the reason for the exemption along with any supporting documentation.
5. If approved, you will receive a letter of exemption.

Republic Services of Imperial Valley will review your subscription level annually to determine if you continue to qualify for the exemption. All photo documentation and documents will be maintained by Republic Services of Imperial Valley .

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#### STATE MANDATED BIN COLORS



**Recycle—Blue**  
Paper products, empty plastic containers, bottles and aluminum cans



**Organic Waste—Green**  
Food waste, green waste, paper waste



**Trash—Grey\***  
Non-recyclable waste and mixed material  
\* Black is also acceptable



**Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Exemption Form**

Business/Multi-Family Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees/Tenants: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Mutli-Family Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your business sell, prepare, process or distribute food/food products? \_\_\_\_\_

**Exemption Reason: Please select one or more of the reasons below**

- Photo verification and/or other supporting documentation must be submitted with application for exemption approval.
- Business/property does not have the space to add additional organic waste recycling containers. Provide aerial map, blueprint of property, and/or franchise hauler verification.
- Business/property already recycles a significant portion of the organic waste generated. Provide self-haul receipts, hauler contracts/invoices, and/or photo verification of on-site composting.
- Business/property generates less than 1/2 cubic yard of organic waste per week. Provide franchise hauler verification and/or explanation of the type of waste generated by the business.
- Other reason (limited-term exemptions for extraordinary and unforeseen events, describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all of the above information is correct and assume responsibility to notify the City of Imperial if any changes occur.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please contact Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services of Imperial Valley at 760-337-2417.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Approved
- Not Approved

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Hauler Notification Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exemption Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_