



## AB 1826 EXEMPTION PROCESS

Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 requires businesses and multifamily complexes (5 units or more) that generate a specified amount of solid waste per week to arrange for organic recycling services. However, the law allows for case-by-case exemptions if businesses and multifamily complexes meet any of the following criteria:

- 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 City of South Pasadena AB 1826 Exemption Application Form.
  - Applications can be found online at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/i-want-to/learn-about-mandatory-organics-recycling](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/i-want-to/learn-about-mandatory-organics-recycling).
  - Submit applications by
    - Email: [EnvironmentalPrograms@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:EnvironmentalPrograms@southpasadenaca.gov)
    - Mail/In-Person: City of South Pasadena  
Attn: Environmental Programs  
1414 Mission St.  
South Pasadena, CA 91030
2. A representative from Athens Services, 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 Athens 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.

Athens Services 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 Athens Services.





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Contact Name:		Phone:	
Property Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Multi-family</b> Number of units _____		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business - Type of Business:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant/Food Service <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Property Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Mailing Address (if different):			
City:		State:	Zip:

Identify the reason you are claiming your exempt status. Note that all claims are subject to verification by City through site visits or other means. Check and complete all that apply:

- A person or organization collects organics from this location, at no cost.

*This includes food donations to people or animals. Please provide a description of the material, the amount generated each week (weight in pounds), and name of collector or organization.*

Material Type	Pounds per Week	Name of Collector

- The amount of organic waste generated per week is less than one-half (0.5) of a cubic yard.

*Provide an explanation or description of the waste generated if it is not considered organic waste.*

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- There is lack of sufficient space for storage or service of hauler provided containers.

*Describe the reason for lack of space. A photograph of the trash enclosure/area must be attached to support exemption.*

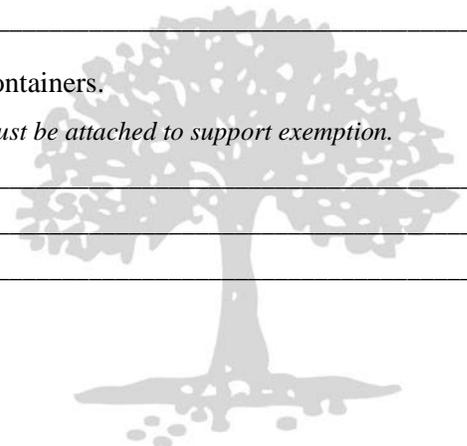
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- There was an extraordinary and unforeseen event that prevents me from recycling organics.

*Provide an explanation of the event.*

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- Organic waste is self-hauled.

*AB 1826 allows commercial solid waste generators who do not subscribe to organics recycling services with a franchised hauler to provide proof of compliance with the law through other means. Proof includes, but is not limited to, all receipts from recycling and/or an organics processing facility that clearly identifies the type and quantity of materials delivered, landscaping contract, or statement from landscaping company. Proof must be attached to this exemption request.*

*Identify the material, the amount generated each week (weight in pounds), and the facility (or facilities) where organic materials were taken.*

Material Type	lb/week	Hauling Information
<input type="checkbox"/> food waste including food-soiled paper waste		Facility:
		Address:
		Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> green waste including landscape and pruning waste		Facility:
		Address:
		Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> nonhazardous wood waste		Facility:
		Address:
		Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> other _____		Facility:
		Address:
		Phone:

**For City Use Only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Site Visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Athens Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Denied - Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Requires additional documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

City Approval By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

