



# Washington Organics Management Law in Kenmore



## OVERVIEW

The recently enacted **Organics Management Law** aims to support Washington's climate objectives by diverting organic material from landfills. When this waste decomposes in landfills, it releases harmful greenhouse gases such as methane. By focusing on prevention and diversion, we can transform organic waste into valuable resources for both individuals and the environment.

More information on this law can be found at the Department of Ecology's Organics Management for Businesses webpage.



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## BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

### Organics Requirements for Businesses:

- **Jan. 1, 2025:** Businesses generating at least 4 cubic yards of organic material waste per week must arrange for organic materials management service.
- **Jan. 1, 2026:** Businesses generating at least 96 gallons or more of organic material waste per week must arrange for organic materials management service.



### Some businesses may be exempted if one of the following conditions apply:

- Organic materials are managed onsite.
- Organic materials from growing or harvesting food or fiber are used offsite by a business for growing food or fiber.
- Organic materials are sold or donated to another business for offsite use.
- Organic materials are generated from a natural disaster.
- Organic materials are self-hauled to an organic materials management facility.

Contact Ecology's Organics Management Team for more info:

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# GETTING STARTED

## Instead of sending food to the landfill, consider reducing food waste in other ways:

- Donate usable food to local organizations
- On-site composting
- Store food properly to prevent spoilage
- Monitor your waste: identify what is being discarded weekly/monthly

## What is considered organic material?



**Food waste:** Waste from produce, dairy, meats, grains, or any similar materials from the storage, preparation, cooking, handling, selling or serving of food for human consumption.

**Yard waste:** Yard trimmings, small sticks, leaves, grass, plants, and flowers.

**“Business”** means a commercial or public entity including, but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint stock company, corporation, or association that is organized as a forprofit or nonprofit entity. Includes public and nonprofit entities such as schools, churches, and hospitals. Does not include multifamily residential entities.



**YES, if it grows, it goes!**

Have questions about how this law applies to businesses in Kenmore? **Get In Touch!**

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## Available Organics Waste Haulers in Kenmore



### Cedar Grove:

- Organics curbside pickup
- Organics dropoff
- Compost guidance
- Organics material and compostable packaging for purchase



### Republic Services:

- Organics curbside pickup
- Waste sorting guidance



### Waste Management:

- Organics curbside pickup
- Waste sorting guidance

**Check** with each hauler to determine pricing, availability, and service levels specific to your location and business type.