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### **New Commercial Organics & Recycling Services Effective July 1, 2026**

June 4, 2026

Dear Imperial County Business or Property Owner/Manager:

You are receiving this notification because effective **July 1, 2026**, all Imperial County (County) businesses within the franchise zones are required to implement an organics recycling program to comply with State law. The County is in the process of rolling out new programs in partnership with the County's franchise waste haulers, CR&R Environmental Services (CR&R) and Republic Services (Republic), to provide recycling and organics services to comply with State law.

#### **What is State law?**

State law requires that all businesses and residents participate in an organic waste recycling program to separate organic waste from trash that is sent to the landfill. Additionally, it requires the County to issue monetary penalties to those who do not comply.

#### **What is Required of Businesses?**

All businesses must have trash, recycling, and organics containers. Businesses will be required to separate food waste, food-soiled paper, yard trimmings, paper products (e.g., cardboard, office paper, newspaper) and non-organic recyclables (e.g. metal cans, plastic bottles/jugs, glass jars/bottles) from trash generated at their property.

#### **How Do I Comply with State Law?**

You are required to implement organics and recycling collection services, provided by CR&R Environmental Services or Republic Services. Food waste and food-soiled paper shall be placed in the "organics" container. Clean paper products and metal cans, plastic, and glass shall be placed in the "recycle" container. Your hauler will provide more information about service details and contact information.

#### **Where Can I Find More Information?**

For more information about and updates on State law, please visit CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/> or the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency's website at <https://www.ivrma.org/>.

Thank you for your attention to this notification. For questions, please contact your franchise waste hauler: CR&R at (760) 482-5656 or Republic at (760) 377-2417 or (760) 377-2418.

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