



New Commercial Organics Rules

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Establishments Covered by Commercial Organics Rules

ATTENTION: If your business meets the minimum requirements outlined below, you must comply with the commercial organics rules.

Restaurant Chains of 100 or more NYC locations

Restaurants 15,000 sq. ft. or more

Retail Food Stores 25,000 sq. ft. or more

What Organics To Separate?

Food Scraps
Does not include material sold to farmers or rendering companies, or food that is donated.

Plant Trimmings

Food-soiled Paper

Certified Compostable Products
Must meet processor certification requirements.

How To Comply and Avoid Violations

Provide labeled containers specifically for organics and post signs with instructions about organics separation requirements in areas where staff handles organics.



Employees place material in appropriately labeled containers and ensure that organics are not mixed with any garbage or recyclables.



Arrange for organics to be transported and/or processed separately from garbage and recycling. Post an official organics decal next to your private carter decal(s) that clearly indicates your arrangement. Visit on.nyc.gov/commercial-organics for decal requirements.

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Options To Transport or Process Organic Materials



Private Carter

- Hire a private carter to collect the organic waste for the purpose of processing by composting or anaerobic/aerobic digestion.
- Use setout containers that meet your carter's specifications and have latching lids that are resistant to tampering by rodents or wildlife.
- Set out organic waste in labeled containers with lid securely latched.



Self-Transport

- Register with the NYC Business Integrity Commission (BIC) to legally transport organic waste.
- Transport your own organics directly to a processor for composting or anaerobic/aerobic digestion, or to a transfer station that will ensure that the material remains separate from other waste and will be transferred to a final location for proper processing.
- Keep a copy of the written agreement with the processor or transfer station and make available to DSNY upon request.



On-Site Processing

- Submit the on-site processing form at on.nyc.gov/commercial-organics to DSNY within 30 days of installation and renew your registration annually.
- Process the material by composting or aerobic/anaerobic digestion. A food waste grinder is not permitted.
- Record weights or volumes and retain for a minimum period of three years to submit them to DSNY upon request.
- Make transportation arrangements for remaining organic waste via one of the other options.

Tips

- Know what's in your waste. Perform a periodic visual assessment to identify unnecessary waste and save your business money. Your carter may be required to assist you.
- Many organizations in NYC accept donated food and make free pickups—reducing your hauling costs. Track donations for corporate responsibility reports. Visit nyc.gov/donate to learn more.
- If you suspect that your carter or building management is not handling organics properly, file a complaint at on.nyc.gov/dsny-complaints.
- For more information on food waste reduction and incentive programs, please visit The Foundation for New York's Strongest's website at www.foodwastefair.nyc.