



APPLICATION TO WAIVE RECYCLABLE AND/OR ORGANIC MATERIALS COLLECTION SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY PREMISES

Background Information

Owners, occupants, or operators of multi-family and commercial premises in unincorporated areas of San Diego County (County) are required to comply with recycling and organics materials requirements in the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Code). These requirements include separating and recycling designated recyclable and organic materials and subscribing to solid waste, recyclable and organic materials collection services from a qualified provider. Subscribing to collection services may be waived if the premises' responsible party is granted a waiver, registers to self-haul recyclable and/or organic materials to a facility that reuses, salvages, recycles, or processes the materials, or meets exemption criteria in the Code.

Designated Recyclable Materials	Designated Organic Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum • Glass bottles & Jars • Cardboard & Paper Products • Rigid Plastics (#1-#7) • Tin & Bi-Metal Cans • Large Appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard Trimmings • Nonhazardous Wood Waste • Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper* <p><i>* In densely-populated areas, required for all commercial and multifamily premises.</i></p> <p><i>* In sparsely-populated areas, required for commercial and multifamily premises that generate 2 cubic yards or more of total solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials per week.</i></p>

How to apply for a waiver:

To apply for a waiver from the requirement to subscribe to recyclable materials and/or organic materials collection service, the following steps must be completed:

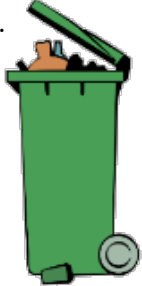
1. Determine whether your property is in a *densely-populated* or *sparsely-populated* area of the County (see page 2-3). This designation is based on census tract data provided by the State and determines the eligible type(s) of waiver(s) for your property. Densely-populated areas include census tracts that have a population density of 75 or more people per square mile. Sparsely-populated areas include census tracts that have a population density of less than 75 people per square mile. **Please use the map (<https://tinyurl.com/SDCountyMap>) to confirm your property's population designation.**
2. The owner or operator of the premises must fill out the information in the form below and provide all required documentation. Alternatively, the owner or operator can sign the bottom of this form allowing their solid waste, recyclable materials, and/or organic materials hauler to submit this form on their behalf.
3. Email the completed and signed form, along with all required documentation to the Department of Public Works (DPW) at Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov or mail to the address listed below.
4. DPW staff will review the application and determine eligibility. An on-site inspection by your hauler or DPW staff will be required to verify waiver eligibility. Applying does not guarantee approval.
5. Receive a confirmation notice from DPW that the waiver(s) has been approved or denied. The notice will be sent to the email contact or address listed on this form.



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Waiver Classifications

The following types of waivers are available for qualifying owners, occupants, or operators of commercial and multi-family premises for circumstances fully described below. A complete copy of the [San Diego County Code \(Sec 68.501\)](#) is available at www.r1earth.org or by emailing: Recycle@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Waivers Available for Commercial and Multi-Family Premises (5 or more units)	
Type of Waiver	Criteria
De minimis waiver	<p>Please use the map (https://tinyurl.com/SDCountyMap) to confirm your property's population designation.</p> <p>Densely-populated areas (census tracts of 75 or more people per square mile) Type 1: Applicant's total collection service is 2 cubic yards or more per week and the applicant's property generates less than 20 gallons of recyclable materials or organic waste per week.</p> <p>Type 2: Applicant's total collection service is less than 2 cubic yards per week and the applicant's property generates less than 10 gallons of recyclable materials or organic waste per week.</p> <p>Sparsely-populated areas (census tracts of less than 75 people per square mile) Type 1: Applicant's total collection service is 2 cubic yards or more per week and the applicant's property generates less than 20 gallons of recyclable materials per week or less than 0.5 cubic yards of organic waste per week.</p> <p>Type 2: Applicant's total collection service is less than 2 cubic yards per week and the applicant's property generates less than 10 gallons of recyclable materials per week.</p> <p>On-site organics management The organic material generated at applicant's property is being managed through on-site composting or other on-site management practices that are consistent with applicable laws or regulations. If any organic material is excluded from the on-site management process, the quantities of excluded organic material must meet the applicable de minimis quantities listed above.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><i>For reference, one large trash cart is roughly 0.5 cubic yards.</i></p> </div>
Physical space waiver	<p>Applicant's entire property lacks adequate space for recyclable material containers and/or organic materials containers. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate that space constraints cannot be resolved by downsizing existing containers, using split containers, or other solutions. Applicants must first work with their waste hauler to consider solutions to space constraints.</p>



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Please ensure that you have reviewed pages 1-2 before filling out the application.


Section 1: Property and contact information

Please provide the following information:

a. Service Address for waiver application	
b. Mailing Address (if different from above)	
c. Account # (if subscribed to collection service)	
d. Type of Property (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family (5+ dwelling units) If 5+ units, list total number of units: _____
e. If Commercial, please provide a brief description of the business	
f. Company Name (if applicable)	
g. Applicant Name	
h. Applicant Title (e.g., owner, operator)	
i. Applicant Phone Number	
j. Applicant Email	

Section 2: Current service levels

Please list your existing solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials collection service levels in the table below, using a separate line for each container type. Submit a copy of your hauler invoice upon application submittal.

MATERIAL TYPE	CONTAINER TYPE (cart or dumpster) 	CONTAINER QUANTITY	# PICKUPS PER WEEK	SERVICE DAYS	HAULER NAME
<i>EXAMPLE ROW</i>	<i>dumpsters</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Mon, Wed</i>	<i>Acme Collection Co.</i>
Solid Waste	carts				
	dumpsters				
Recyclable Materials	carts				
	dumpsters				
Organic Materials	carts				
	dumpsters				



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Section 4: Application verification

To be considered for a waiver, the applicant agrees to the following:

1. If granted a waiver, waiver holder will notify DPW if circumstances change such that the premise no longer meets the requirements for the waiver granted, in which case the waiver will be rescinded.
2. Waiver holder must cooperate with DPW, hauler and/or CRMC for compliance inspections and enforcement as stated in County Code Section 68.610.
3. DPW may revoke a waiver upon a determination that any of the circumstances justifying a waiver are no longer applicable.
4. If approved, the waiver on file must be verified at least once every 5 years.

I/we certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided in and with this form pertains to solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials collection within the unincorporated areas of San Diego County, and that I have reviewed the accuracy of the information, and that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant name:	Applicant title:
Applicant signature:	Date:
If a hauler is submitting form on behalf of applicant, please fill out the following:	
Applicant initial:	Company name:
Hauler Rep. name:	Representative's title:
Hauler Rep. signature:	Date:

DPW USE ONLY - Waiver(s) Review	
DPW Rep. signature:	Date:
WAIVER APPROVAL (if checked, waiver(s) approved)	
<u>Recyclable Materials</u>	<u>Organic Materials</u>
De minimis waiver <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2	De minimis waiver <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical space waiver	<input type="checkbox"/> Organics management <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input type="checkbox"/> Physical space waiver
WAIVER DENIAL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application denied. Reasoning:	