

Organic Materials Ordinance Update

Earth Day Spotlight



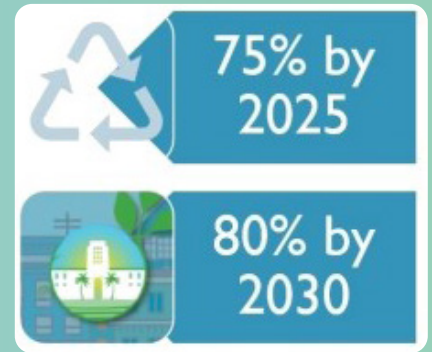
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The County of San Diego Planning & Development Services (PDS) and Department of Public Works (DPW) are developing the **Organic Materials Ordinance Update** to facilitate composting of organic materials (e.g., yard trimmings, fruit and vegetable scraps, crop residues, restaurant waste, agricultural materials, and more) on active agriculture operations in the unincorporated areas of San Diego county in order to divert waste from landfills.

Currently, the County's Zoning Ordinance limits the ability to accept organic materials from an offsite source. When off-site materials are allowed, the Zoning Ordinance may require a permit process, which can be expensive and time consuming. **The update will remove these barriers to make the collection of offsite materials easier** while still considering the protection of public health and safety.

Curious about composting? Visit DPW's [composting website!](#)



San Diego County's waste diversion goals and target years



This project supports 2018 Climate Action Plan Measure SW-1.1 Solid Waste Diversion

Want to provide your input or learn more about how this ordinance will benefit you? **Contact us!**
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