New Business Organics Rules





This is a friendly reminder that certain New York City businesses are required by law to separate their organic waste.

The NYC Department of Sanitation recently adopted new business organics rules. If a business meets the minimum requirements outlined below, they must comply with the business organics rules.

Establishments covered by Business Organics Rules

As of August 15, 2018

- Food service establishments with a floor area of at least 15,000 square feet
- Food service establishments that are part of a chain of 100 or more locations in NYC
- Retail food stores with a floor area of at least 25,000 square feet

As of July 19, 2016

- Food service establishments in hotels with 150 or more rooms
- Arenas and stadiums with a seating capacity of at least 15,000 people
- Food manufacturers with a floor area of at least 25,000 square feet
- Food wholesalers with a floor area of at least 20,000 square feet

To learn more about commercial organics requirements, please visit nyc.gov/businessorganics

Additional reminder: All businesses, regardless of size or type, have been required to recycle metal, glass jars and bottles, rigid plastic, clean paper and cardboard for years. These items must never be mixed with garbage. For more information on these requirements, please visit nyc.gov/businessrecycling

For business resources such as sample signage, free trainings, webinars and other tips, please visit nyc.gov/dsnybusinessresources

Kind regards,