

# Procurement Guidance for Green & Resilient Cities

How procurement targets can be met with investments in community composting



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## AB 2346 Expands Eligible Procurement Options

Procurement can support broader market development and help legitimize smaller, decentralized composting systems.

### 1 Expanded Eligible Products

Jurisdictions can now count

- community & on-farm compost
- vermicompost
- mushroom “compost”
- mulch

towards procurement targets.

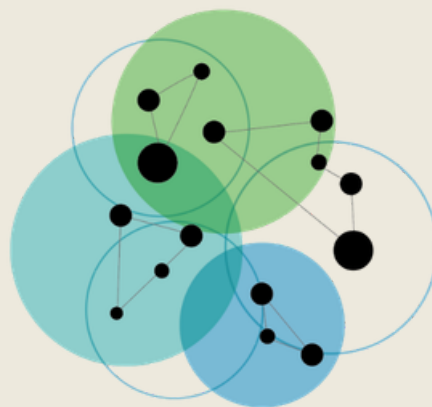
### 2 Infrastructure & Land Access Investments

Up to **10%** of procurement targets, valued at **\$21.38 per ton of organic material**, can be used for composting infrastructure, land access, and application equipment.

### 3 Adjusted Procurement Targets

Jurisdictions can right-size procurement targets using a local waste characterization study.

## Community Composting is Scalable



Decentralized networks of smaller sites complement diversion efforts.



## SB 279 Allows for Growth

Composting sites are **excluded** from CalRecycle permitting when the volume of feedstock and compost on-site does not exceed **200 cubic yards** at any time. If owned by a **public agency**, the limit is **500 cubic yards**.

# Benefits from Investing in Community Composting

## Effective Public Education & Source Separation

Hands-on composting education is the most effective strategy for teaching source separation. These sites improve public perception of composting and showcase its beneficial uses.



## Local Diversion and Compost Application

Community composters can act as Direct Service Providers by using the compost they generate locally, cutting transport emissions and directly improving neighborhood soils and green spaces.



## Complementary to Commercial Composting

Commercial sites tend to see improvements in contamination and participation where community composting sites flourish. These sites can also serve as a hub for the distribution of procured materials from commercial operations.

## Cost-Effective & Supports Local Jobs

Investments in local nonprofits and small composting businesses keep dollars circulating locally, driving community wealth, job creation, and more resilient regional economies.

## Need More Resources?

CalRecycle has updated procurement resources.

Learn more at [calrecycle.ca.gov/orgamics/slcp/procurement/recoveredorganicwasteproducts](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/orgamics/slcp/procurement/recoveredorganicwasteproducts)

People, Food and Land Foundation has resources for local jurisdictions to support local compost initiatives.

Learn more at [peoplefoodandland.org](https://peoplefoodandland.org)

California Alliance for Community Composting provides assistance to grassroots and small scale composters.

Learn more at [thecacc.org](https://thecacc.org)

Association of Compost Producers works to develop compost markets through networking and advocacy.

Learn more at [healthysoil.org](https://healthysoil.org)

StopWaste! championed for AB 2346 and hosts a variety of resources regarding procurement.

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