



# Thurston Solid Waste News

January / February 2024

## 2024 Presentation Series

Lunchtime workshops at Pacific Disposal in Lacey

2904 Hogum Bay Rd NE, Lacey, WA 98516



### Business organics law

Wednesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn how Thurston County businesses are impacted by a new state law requiring management of organic waste separate from garbage.

Requirements apply to more businesses each year through 2026.

### Activities for youth

Wednesday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m.

This workshop is for educators, scout leaders, parents, and anyone else working with youth.

Learn how to reserve our loaner education kits, request copies of our grades 4 and 5 newsletter, how to earn the Reduce Reuse Recycle Patch, and more.

### Can this be recycled?

Wednesday April 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Test your recycling knowledge with Thurston County's Master Recycler Composter volunteers.

Everyone is encouraged to bring samples of materials that cause confusion at home or at work.

### Multifamily recycling resources

Wednesday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Do you live or work at an apartment complex?

We will address your unique waste management challenges and discuss resources available to you.

### Managing low-waste events

Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Make your next event a low-waste event with our tools and planning resources.

Be prepared by learning the laws impacting waste management at events in Washington.

### Hard-to-recycle materials

Wednesday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Not everything can be recycled at the curb, but sometimes there are drop-off opportunities to keep things out of the landfill. Find out what to do with paint, electronics, clothing, batteries, oil, and much more.

These free workshops are offered through a partnership between Thurston County, LeMay, Inc. and the Thurston County Master Recycler Composter Program.

#### Register in advance:

Visit [ThurstonSolidWaste.org/Presentations](https://ThurstonSolidWaste.org/Presentations) or call (360) 867-2491.

*Can't join us? Call or email us to request alternate dates or times.*



# Who is required to compost?

Business Organics Management Law began January 1

In 2022, the Washington State Legislature passed the Organics Management Law to reduce the amount of methane created when food and yard (organic) waste decomposes in a landfill. The law set specific targets based on 2015 levels to achieve a significant reduction in this greenhouse gas to meet the state's climate goals. Starting in January, this law impacts businesses in Thurston County.

## Business Impacts

Based on the volumes of organic and solid waste produced, businesses must comply with the law following the schedule below:

- Jan. 1, 2024 - Businesses generating at least **eight cubic yards of organic waste per week** must arrange for organic materials management.
- Jan. 1, 2025 - Businesses generating at least **four cubic yards of organic waste per week** must arrange for organic materials management.
- Jan. 1, 2026 - Businesses generating at least **four cubic yards of solid waste per week** must arrange for organic materials management.



## Available Assistance

Know a business owner who may be impacted by this new law? Thurston County recycling and waste reduction specialists are helping businesses understand the law and compliance measures available to them. Visit [bit.ly/BusinessOrganics](https://bit.ly/BusinessOrganics) to learn more and request assistance for your business.

## Business Workshop Opportunity

Have questions about the Organics Management Law? Attend the first lunchtime workshop of the year presented at Pacific Disposal in Lacey. This will be an opportunity to get answers and gain insight to the law for this year and years to come. Check the date and time on the opposite side of this flyer.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Organics Management law.



## Questions?

(360) 867-2491

[ThurstonSolidWaste@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:ThurstonSolidWaste@co.thurston.wa.us)



 Printed 1/2024 on at least 30% post-consumer recycled content paper.