

Organic Collection Laws for NYC

Based on various city and industry waste characterization studies, over 31% of what is in landfill can be considered organic and diverted to a compost and/or an anaerobic digesters (AD) facility. This includes food waste, yard clippings, and compostable paper waste. According to planYC, New York City has a stated goal to achieve 75% solid waste diversion from landfill by 2020 for both residential and commercial. To achieve this diversion goal, both recycling and organic collection programs must be implemented.

In an effort to meet these landfill diversion goals, New York City has implemented an important legal measure as defined below:

Local Law 146 of 2013: Commercial Organic Collection Program

Beginning in 2016 (updated in 2018 and 2020), certain NYC businesses were required by law to separate their organic waste if those businesses met the minimum requirements outlined by the Business Organics Rules:

- All food service establishments in hotels with 100 or more rooms (2020)
- Arenas and stadiums with seating capacity of at least 15,000 people
- Food manufacturers with a floor area of at least 25,000 ft²
- Food wholesalers with a floor area of at least 20,000 ft²
- Foodservice establishments with a floor area of at least 7,000 ft²
- Retail food stores having 10,000 to 24,999 ft²
- Food preparation locations having > 6,000 ft²
- Temporary public events to be attended by more than 500 people
- Chain food service establishments of 2 or more NYC locations with combined floor area > 8,000 ft²
- Chain retail food stores of 3 or more NYC locations with combined floor area > 10,000 ft²
- Catering establishments hosting on-site events to be attended by more than 100 people

Businesses covered by this proposal are given the option to arrange for collection by private carter, transport organic waste themselves, or process the material on site. Suitable processing methods include composting and aerobic/anaerobic digestion. A food waste grinder is not permitted.

To view the policy in its entirety, visit nyc.gov



Did You Know?

Disposal fees for landfills in New York City exceed \$100 per tip (referred to as a "tipping fee") while similar disposal fees to compost facilities can be up to less than half of that amount!

Compost Pickup Initiative (2023)

Under this legislation, New Yorkers would be required to separate organic waste from other waste for curbside collection. The compost pickup initiative will apply to all residential buildings and extend to all residences by June 2023, with the exception of public housing residences. The legislation would also require the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to educate and inform New Yorkers on the importance of composting, its effects on the environment, and the best ways to separate waste.

The NYC Bin Program (2024)

In an effort to combat the city's rat issue and promote sustainability, New York City has introduced the official NYC bin. The NYC bin ordinance applies to all five boroughs for properties that have 1-9 residential units (including single-family homes to 9-unit apartment buildings). Bins for recycling and composting are also made available for property owners and building managers of buildings to purchase at www.bins.nyc.

By November 12, 2024, property managers must use bins (55 gallons or less) with secure lids to set out trash. Penalties for non-compliance are as follows:

- \$50 for the first offense
- \$100 for the second offense
- \$200 for the third and subsequent offenses

Beginning in June 2026, the official NYC bin must be used for trash otherwise additional fines will be applied.

How Will This Legislation Affect You?

Businesses and property owners will be required to establish recycling programs to meet NYC organics policy. Setting up these programs will require, but is not limited to, arranging contracts with waste haulers, establishing dedicated sort stations and signage, ongoing employee training, and engagement. The use of compostable products (such as liners, food service wares, etc.) will help participation by eliminating sort anxiety and will reduce contamination concerns. Victoria Bay® liners are ideal solutions where organic waste and food scraps are collected such as cafeterias, kitchens, coffee stations, restrooms (paper towel), etc. at the following market targets:

- Class A Office buildings with LEED® initiatives
- Universities and colleges
- School districts (K-12)
- Grocery stores
- Municipalities
- Restaurants
- Sporting venues
- Wineries
- Festivals, Farmer Markets, etc.

How Can Victoria Bay® Help?

With vast experience in various markets throughout North America, Victoria Bay® can assist in establishing zero-waste or organic collection programs. Whether it is using our Victoria Bay® Sort and Collection signs, an extensive program review, or product samples, we can help. Contact a sales representative to learn more.



Ideal for collecting food waste & other organics.

Our compostable liners integrate seamlessly into organic collection and zero waste programs.

- Certified compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI).
- Meets ASTM D6400 standard specifications for compostable plastics.
- Does not contain any persistent chemistries (such as BPA, PFAS) or any conventional, non-biodegradable plastics (such as polyethylene).
- Approved for use in Composter Manufacturer Alliance CMA-I and CMA-W facilities.
- Compliant to CO, MN, and WA labeling laws.
- Engineered strong; industrial size liners (23-gallon liners and up) will hold up to 80lbs.



Victoria Bay® Stock Product Industrial Offerings

Item#	Description	W x H & mil	Case Qty	Case Wt (lbs)
VLHC222975E	22x29 13GAL GREEN	22" x 29" 0.75mil	250	10.9
VLHC303980E	30x39 30GAL GREEN	30" x 39" 0.8mil	200	16.1
VLHC304685E	30x46 32GAL GREEN	30" x 46" 0.85mil	120	12.1
VLHC334080E	33x40 33GAL GREEN	33" x 40" 0.8mil	120	10.9
VLHC334010E	33x40 33GAL GREEN	33" x 40" 1.0mil	200	22.6
VLHC344885E	34x48 35GAL GREEN	34" x 48" 0.85mil	100	12.6
VLHC404610E	40x46 45GAL GREEN	40" x 46" 1.0mil	100	15.8
VLHC424880E	42x48 55GAL GREEN	42" x 48" 0.8mil	100	13.8
VLHC424810E	42x48 55GAL GREEN	42" x 48" 1.0mil	100	17.3
VLHC385880E	38x58 58GAL GREEN	38" x 58" 0.8mil	100	15.1
VLHC476080E	47x60 64GAL GREEN	47" x 60" 0.8mil	60	11.6
VLHC545990E	54x59 96GAL GREEN	54" x 59" 0.9mil	60	14.7

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