

How is legislation changing in favor of responsible organic waste handling?

Despite the fact that politicians and thus legislation move very slowly, things are starting to point toward a sustainable future. For instance, EU countries stopped burning or landfilling separately collected waste in July 2020. The next important milestone is set for December 2023, when all EU countries will be required to collect organic waste separately. This also means that organic waste will no longer be allowed for landfill disposal or burning.

While the EU strives to be the most progressive region for proper waste management, other countries do a very solid job; however, there's a lot of room for improvement when it comes to organic waste. Still, let's point out South Korea, which recycles a large percentage of its total waste. They've managed to go from only 2% of organic waste being recycled in 1995 to an impressive 95% in 2019.

On the other hand, the USA still has a lot to do when it comes to proper waste management. This includes more strict legislation as well to force the implementation. However, certain US states and municipalities already make quite an effort. For instance, California, New York, Texas, Boulder, and Colorado have already passed some sort of organic waste bans or mandatory organic waste recycling laws. And, there are other states, such as Maryland, and localities looking to pass similar legislation.

With that said, it is evident in what direction we are headed. As such, it is important to get properly prepared on time. Luckily for you, you are definitely in the right place.