State Mandated Commercial Recycling – AB341

Applies to:

- Businesses that generate at least 4 cubic yards of trash per week
- Multi-family residences/communities with 5 or more units

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of recycling mandates which may affect your business or multifamily housing unit of 5+. On July 1, 2012, Governor Brown signed into law AB 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling, effectively increasing California’s waste diversion goal to 75 percent. In October 2014, the Governor enacted AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling. This law requires that many businesses must provide for the recycling of organic materials. The purpose of these laws is to divert material from landfills, meet the State’s 75 percent diversion goal and mitigate the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

The County is required to report to the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) periodically on the compliance level of local businesses to these mandates.

Businesses affected include commercial sites, manufacturing locations, warehouses, non-profits, schools, governmental agencies, and multi-family residences with 5 or more units. Details on this legislation are as follows:

**AB 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling:**

- Applies to businesses that generate at least 4 cubic yards of trash per week;
- Applies to multi-family residences with 5 or more units;
- Recyclable materials include glass, plastic, CRV cans/bottles, paper, metals, cardboard and/or other materials.

To comply with AB 341, applicable businesses **must perform one of the following actions:**

1. Subscribe to a recycling service;
2. Self-haul recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Donate or sell recyclable items.

**AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling:**

- As of January 1, 2017, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic materials per week, must recycle organics;
- Organics include food waste, landscape materials, and food contaminated paper waste;
- Requires that applicable businesses participate in a recycling program for organic materials;
- Multi-family residences of 5 or more units must divert landscape materials only.
To comply with AB 1826, applicable businesses must perform one of the following actions:

1. Subscribe to a recycling service for organics;
2. Self-haul organics and/or other recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Operate an on-site organics recycling program in compliance with state and local laws;
4. Donate or sell organic materials (not typical).

If your business opts to subscribe to recycling services, please contact your hauler. Please see the attached map for your hauler contact information. Your hauler will assist you in obtaining the appropriate level of service for your needs.

If your business or multi-family location decides to self-haul, donate, re-use on site or have hauled away recyclables and/or organics that are not managed through a collection service, a CERTIFICATION OF MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING form (attached) can be filled out to document your compliance. If your business has a recycling program in place, not with a hauler, please complete the form and return it to the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance.

Sincerely,

Merced County Department of Public Works
CERTIFICATION OF MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

I, __________________________________ certify that _______________________________
Authorized Representative (Print)     Business or Multifamily +5 Name (Print)

located at: ______________________________________  City:________________________
Location Street Address     Location City ________________________________

Zip Code:_________________         Contact Phone#:________________________
Location Zip

Mailing Address:_______________________________________________________________

If different

has the following recycling program(s) in place as outlined in the table below:

1. Check the box(es) to indicate the commodity type recycled and how it is done.
2. Fill in the name of the recycler (company) you haul to.
3  Only check boxes for the commodities which you have a recycling program in place.
4. If you do not recycle an item listed – leave the box blank.
5. Do not use this form if you have recycling service provided by your hauler. Your
hauler will report your compliance while you have recycling service with them.

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<th>Self-Haul to Recycler</th>
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<th>Landscaper Hauls</th>
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Authorized Representative Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

Please submit this form via Mail, Fax or Email to:

Merced County Dept. Public Works 345 W 7th Street, Merced, CA 95341
Fax (209) 722-7690   Email: ab341info@co.merced.ca.us
Merced County
Refuse Disposal
Contact Information

City of Merced, Department of Public Works
(209) 385-6800

Gilton Solid Waste
All unincorporated West Side (except where marked),
(209) 527-3781

Allied Waste
City of Atwater
(209) 358-7156

Allied Waste
Cities of Los Banos and Dos Palos
(209) 826-0231

Mid Valley Disposal
(559) 843-2467

Waste Management
All unincorporated East Side (except where marked)
(209) 946-5721
WHY MUST BUSINESS AND MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES RECYCLE?
It’s the law. For the past several years California has surpassed its goal of recycling 50% of waste materials. Californians have done such a good job that the new goal is to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2020. To accomplish this task, business and multi-family complexes are mandated to divert organics and other recyclable materials from the waste stream.

IN MERCED COUNTY CONTACT YOUR HAULER with questions about State Mandated Recycling Requirements or to request recycling services. (see map)

SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM
Merced County businesses that produce small amounts of hazardous waste material and are considered Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG’s) may properly dispose of their materials quarterly at a discounted rate.
Call (209) 723-4481 x 224 for more information about this program.

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RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS for Business & Multi-Family Complexes
It’s The Law

A Guide for Business and Multi-Family Complexes to Comply with California Recycling Regulations
## CALIFORNIA LAW: BUSINESSES & MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES MUST RECYLE!
State of California Mandates (AB1826 & AB341) Require Business and Multi-Family Complexes (5 or more units) to recycle organics and other recyclable materials. RECYCLING AND COMPLIANCE IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3.

### Container/Bin

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<th>Who Must Comply?</th>
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<td>Recyclable Materials Include:</td>
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<td>may be placed into the waste container.</td>
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### Questions? Please contact (209) 527-3781 or http://www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling


Check with your local collector for materials that can be placed in your recycling container. Exemptions may apply – see [www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling](http://www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling) for details.