

Mandatory Recycling Laws for California Businesses

Recycling and Your Business: What You Need to Know

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

Since 2016, State law has required certain businesses to arrange for organics waste recycling. Effective September 2020, this law now requires businesses that generate two cubic yards or more of solid waste to arrange for organic waste recycling for these items:

- Food waste & food-soiled paper
- Landscape clippings & pruning
- Non-hazardous wood waste

Apartment complexes with five or more units that meet the two cubic yard threshold must recycle their landscaping waste, but are currently exempt from food waste recycling.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling (Assembly Bill 341)

To conserve landfill space and natural resources, California adopted Assembly Bill 341, which set a statewide 75 percent recycling goal and requires commercial businesses to recycle. Effective July 1, 2012, businesses that produce at least four cubic yards of waste per week must participate in recycling through one of the following:

- Sort and self-haul their own recyclables.
- Subscribe to a recycling bin with Republic Services and separate material into that bin.
- Subscribe to mixed waste processing, where recyclables are recovered from the waste stream by the hauler. This service is automatically provided in Huntington Beach.



Customer Access to Recycling (Assembly Bill 827)

Effective July 1, 2020, certain restaurants and retailers who are subject to Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Organics laws are now required to provide recycling containers at front-of-house to collect food waste and recyclables generated from products purchased and consumed on their premises. The collection containers must be visible, easily accessible to customers, and clearly marked.

For more information visit CalRecycle's website at:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov

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