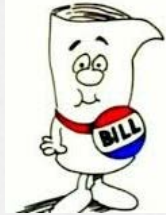




AB-341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling

What is AB 341?

Assembly Bill 341 was enacted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts.



A 2008 Statewide Waste Characterization found that the commercial sector generates nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the solid waste in California, with a good deal of it being easily recyclable.

Who Does AB 341 Affect?

- Businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week



- Multifamily residential dwellings of five or more units

What Constitutes Compliance?

One or any combination of these options to reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal will meet compliance standards

- Self-hauling recyclables to a recycling facility, buyback center, or to the regional landfill.



- A service provider/hauler (such as the City of Merced) that picks up the recyclables.

- A service provider that hauls the material away with the service. Such as a paper shredding service taking the shredded paper with them to be recycled.



Our Requirements:

- o Education & Outreach
- o Monitoring
- o Reporting

Meeting Our Requirements...

- o Increased public outreach
 - Participated in more public events
 - Presentations for Classrooms, various clubs and organizations
 - Television, Cinamedia, Radio
 - Facebook
 - City website
- o Waste Audits
 - Updating procedures
 - Creating surveys
 - Revising and creating letters
 - Conducting various audits
- o Yearly Meeting with CalRecycle to review report



What we have to offer...

- Comingled Recycling
- Commercial recycling rates
- A variety of recycling containers – Cubic yards, 300 & 64 gallon containers
- Added another day of service



In Progress

- o Organics
- o Battery recycling
- o Waste Audits
- o Contaminations
- o ReCollect – Web based application
(Joint effort with MCRWMA)

Work in
progress!!

check back soon...

Organics Diversion

AB 1826

In an effort to achieve California's aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals, AB 1826 is a state wide law that requires business and multifamily dwellings to divert organic waste.

Who Does This Affect?

- Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards (4.25'L x 6'W x 4.75'H) of commercial solid waste or more per week are required to have a food waste diversion program, including diverting green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste.
- Multi-family dwellings with 5 or more units are required to divert green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste. They do not have to divert food waste at this time.

How to Participate in Organic Recycling?

This starts with the business. Organic waste is separated on site. Then recycling the organic waste can be done. . .

- On site by maintaining your own compost pile
- By self-hauling the organic waste to a recycling facility
- By using the City of Merced's refuse service

Some Landscape or Gardening Services will provide the waste recycling service for the green waste, landscape and pruning when maintaining the property.

**Don't Let Your
Food Be Wasted!**

