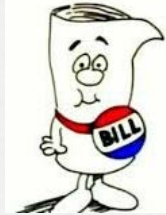




**AB-341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling**

# 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!**

