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WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

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Organics Recycling, Are You In Compliance?

Effective 2020, California Assembly Bill 1826 mandates that businesses, public entities, and multifamily residential dwellings (five or more units) generating 2-cubic yards or more of solid waste per week establish and maintain commercial organics recycling service. Organic waste means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste. Multifamily residential dwellings are not required to separate out food waste to be recycled.

The State requirements specify that applicable business waste generators:

- Separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste; or
- Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off-site for recycling, or;
- Donate to an eligible recipient.

Call our Customer Service office today to schedule a complimentary waste, recycling, and organics assessment.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling - Is Your Business in Compliance?

Assembly Bill 341 mandates businesses and public entities, generating 4-cubic yards of trash or more and multifamily residential dwellings with five or more units, to establish and maintain recycling service. Recycling helps to conserve our natural resources and landfill space. Burrtec Recycling Coordinators can assist in selecting the appropriate recycling service level, along with the necessary education and outreach to managerial staff. Call our Customer Service office today to schedule a complimentary waste and recycling assessment.



Holiday Schedule - No service on these holidays

Memorial Day		Independence Day		Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day		Christmas Day		New Year's Day

When the holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. There is no service interruption or delay when the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

Did You Know?






*Did you know?
California
throws away
enough plastic
to fill 284
Olympic pools
every day!*

- Source: cdfa.ca.gov

Make Your Recycling Program a Success!

Ensuring the success of your recycling program depends on a few key elements; most importantly assistance from employees and/or residents.

Here are a few pointers to get you started in the right direction:

-  Post signage to remind employees and/or residents to recycle specific items (cardboard, paper, etc.). Communication is essential! Newsletters and flyers also reinforce the message.
-  Placement of recycling containers next to trash containers increases the chances of getting more recyclables into the correct container.
-  Emptying recycling containers into the proper recycling bin will ensure that your business or multi-family residential dwelling is doing their part to lower costs and reduce landfill waste.






Scavenging is Illegal

Whether it's called dumpster diving or scavenging, it is the unauthorized removal of solid waste materials. Removal of materials from a bin may increase the cost of collection services. Materials placed in a recycling bin have a value that is used to offset collection and processing costs. When a scavenger breaks the law and removes those materials they are also removing any value associated with the recycling program, which ultimately affects costs. If you see a scavenger, do not approach them! Report illegal activity to local law enforcement. Also, please help us help you. Do not give permission to scavengers to take recyclables.

Edible Food Donation Requirements

To comply with SB 1383, commercial edible food generators are required to 1) divert organics from the landfill and 2) recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. To reduce food waste and address food insecurity, businesses are now required to arrange via contract to donate edible food to food banks, soup kitchens, and other food recovery organizations and services to help feed Californians in need. Recovery of edible food applies only to commercial food waste generators listed below. Inspections have begun and will occur annually.

How does my location become compliant?

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| <p>Step 1:</p>  <p>Secure written agreements or contacts with food recovery organizations that receive your donation.</p> | <p>Step 2:</p>  <p>Begin donating excess edible food.</p> | <p>Step 3:</p>  <p>Maintain donation records at business location to be submitted to the County Environmental Health Services Division.</p> |
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Are you a Tier 1 or Tier 2 generator?

Tier 1	Tier 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermarkets • Grocery Stores: total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 sq. ft. • Food Service Providers • Food Distributors • Wholesale Food Vendors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants 250+ seats, or a total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 sq. ft. • Hotels with on-site food facility and 200+ rooms • Health facility with an on-site food facility and 100+ beds • Large venue • Large event • State agency with cafeteria with 250+ seats or total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 sq. ft. • Local education agency with on-site food facility
Deadline to fulfill SB 1383 requirements: January 1, 2022	Deadline to fulfill SB 1383 requirements: January 1, 2024

For more information about SB 1383 edible food donation requirements, visit the County Environmental Health Services website at <https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/programs/food-facilities/#charitable-feeding>.

Attention Food Service Providers

Existing state law requires businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more or 2 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week to implement a recycling or organics recycling program. Effective, July 1, 2020, Assembly Bill 827 requires certain businesses that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and organic waste (food waste) for materials purchased on the premises for immediate consumption. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

Requirements:

- AB-827 requires collection containers at the front to be visible, accessible and labeled.
- This law affects businesses that sell products that are meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants where employees bus and clean tables are exempt but must provide labeled collection containers adjacent to trash containers for employees/staff to separate post-consumer recyclables and organics.



The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) can provide your business with indoor recycling and/or food waste collection containers at no additional charge. Call SWMD at (909) 386-8701 and ask to speak to a Recycling Specialist for more information.