

New Organics Diversion Law Starting Soon!

Effective January 1, 2022

SB 1383 requires all generators to recycle organic waste and certain commercial businesses to donate edible food to recovery organizations.

Organic waste includes:

Food waste and food-soiled paper, yard trimmings and nonhazardous wood, paper and cardboard fiber, and manure.

The following entities must donate surplus edible food beginning

January 1, 2022:

- Supermarkets
- Grocery stores with a total facility size equal to or greater than 7,500 ft²
- Food service distributors
- Wholesale food markets

The following entities must donate surplus edible food beginning

January 1, 2024:

- Restaurants with 250 or more seats, or a total size >5,000 ft²
- Hotel with an onsite food facility and 200 or more rooms
- Health facility with an onsite food facility and 100 or more beds
- Large venue or Large event
- A state agency with a cafeteria with 250 or more seats or total cafeteria facility size >5,000 ft²

FREE Technical Assistance is Available!

Please visit our website for printable signage, food donation resources, and the most up to date information on recycling.

FREE recycling bins, posters, and other materials are available while supplies last.

¡Asistencia técnica GRATIS está disponible!

Visite nuestro sitio web para señalización imprimible, recursos de donación de alimentos y los más actualizados información sobre reciclaje.

Contenedores de reciclaje, carteles y otros materiales están disponibles GRATIS mientras últimos suministros.

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County of San Diego

Recycling Guidance for Businesses

Guía de Reciclaje para Negocios

Your guide to learn how to comply with state and local recycling laws

Additional resources available to YOU:

FREE Technical Assistance
FREE Recycling Bins

Para recursos en español

visite nuestro sitio web
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1-877-R-1-EARTH

The County of San Diego Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Hotline



Recycling is good for business!

Recycling has triple bottom line benefits - financial, social, and environmental.

Proper right-sizing of trash and recycling services can help businesses save money on hauling bills. Donating edible food supports the food insecure within our communities. Diverting materials from landfills also recovers valuable materials and lowers greenhouse gas emissions.

This guide will help you navigate the laws applicable to your business and provide resources available to your business.

Commercial Recycling

State law **AB 341** requires businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week (includes trash, recyclables, and organics) to arrange for recycling services. Businesses can take one or more of the following actions to reuse, recycle, or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal:

- Subscribe to hauling services
- Donate or sell recyclables
- Self-haul recyclables

Organics Recycling

State law **AB 1826** requires businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week (total for trash, recyclables, and organics) to arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Organic waste includes food waste and food-soiled paper*, yard trimmings, and untreated/unpainted wood.

**Businesses are required to subscribe to food waste and food-soiled paper collection services as soon as they become available, but no later than January 1, 2022.*

Educating and Involving Customers

State law **AB 827** requires businesses subject to AB 341 and AB 1826 to provide recycling and organics containers to collect recyclables generated by customers from products purchased and consumed on the premises. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers; visible and easily accessible to customers; and clearly marked.

- This law targets businesses that sell products meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants are not required to provide containers for patrons, but must provide containers for employees to separate recyclables and organics generated by customers.

