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State recycling legislation requires your organization to recycle. Are you in compliance yet?

The State of California passed two pieces of legislation, AB 341 and AB 1826, which make it mandatory for businesses, non-profits, and other organizations that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to recycle both traditional recyclable materials and organic materials. The threshold may be reduced to two cubic yards per week in 2021, at the State's discretion. Our records indicate that your organization meets the current or future generation thresholds of these laws. For additional information, including organization types, material types, and a guide to determining waste generation, please see the reverse side of this letter.

Your organization may meet the recycling requirements through a combination of the following methods:

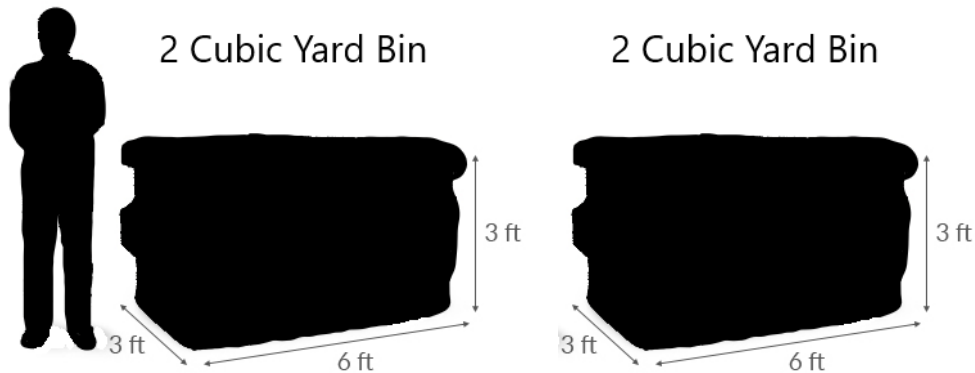
- Subscribe to recycling services through your local franchise hauler.
- Subscribe to a third party recycler that picks up directly from your location, and self-certify compliance.
- Subscribe to gardening services that recycles your greenwaste for you, and self-certify compliance.
- Self-haul recyclables and self-certify compliance.
- Participate in an Edible Food Recovery program and self-certify compliance.
- Participate in a food waste recycling program, through your franchise hauler.

If you are meeting the requirements through any of the methods that include self-certification, **you must self-certify on an annual basis**, and provide the names of any third party entities used, including gardeners. This ensures that the County may independently verify compliance, as required by legislation. To self-certify compliance please visit the County's website at www.KernPublicWorks.com, look for the Business Recycling section, and complete the entire Annual Business Recycling Self Certification Form.

There is an option for self-certification of exemption; however, the State requires that the County independently verify this information before exemption is granted. Please contact a County Representative at the number below for more information regarding a possible exemption.

If you believe that your organization has received this letter in error, please contact our department at (661) 862-8900 regarding Mandatory Commercial Recycling. We are available to conduct waste audits and help guide you through determining which services will meet the requirements of the law and suit your business needs. Thank you for your time.

What does 4 cubic yards look like?



- One cubic yard equals 3' x 3' x 3'.
- Most commercial bins range in size from 1.5 cubic yards to 6 cubic yards. You can check your trash collection bill from your hauler to see what bin size you use and the frequency of pick up.
- Please note that the 4 cubic yard threshold per week is at the height of your work schedule, including seasonal work. The State is looking at whether or not you generate 4 cubic yards per week at your busiest time of the year – not your average.

As defined by the State, a business means any commercial or public entity including, but not limited to:

- A Firm, Partnership, Proprietorship, or Joint-Stock Company
- Corporation or Association that is organized as a For-Profit or Nonprofit entity
- Strip mall (e.g., property complex containing two or more commercial entities)
- Industrial Facility
- School or School District
- California State University, University of California, or Community College
- Federal, State, Local, Regional Agency/Facility or Special District
- Multi-family residential developments of five or more units (regardless of cubic yards generated per week)

What types of materials should you be recycling to be in compliance?

- AB 341 – Mandatory Commercial Recycling
 - Paper, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, phone books, and other paper products;
 - Aluminum, Metal, Tin, or Steel cans or containers;
 - Cardboard;
 - Glass Bottles & Jars;
 - Plastics #1 through 7; and
 - Wood and Greenwaste (as part of a separate collection program).
- AB 1826 – Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling
 - Food scraps;
 - Food soiled paper;
 - Wood Waste (not including Treated Wood Waste); and
 - Yard trimmings.