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## **State Recycling Laws Annual Letter**

**What's new?** Assembly Bill 827 was finalized, and AB 1826 thresholds lowered.

**As of fall 2020, CalRecycle has lowered the AB 1826 threshold of covered businesses to a total combination of collection services to 2 cubic yards per week.** This is a combination of solid waste and all recycling services, including traditional recyclables and organic materials such as grass, leaves, and food. Any covered entity meeting the threshold **must subscribe to organics recycling services** or recycle organics in some other way and then self-certify on the County's website, [www.KernPublicWorks.com](http://www.KernPublicWorks.com). As of July 1st, AB 827 added the requirement that any entity covered by 1826 must provide organics recycling bins by each trash bin where customers have access. Bins must include signage to prevent contamination. Exceptions are bathrooms and full-service restaurants.

**State Assembly Bill 341 (effective 2012)** requires any organization, non-profit, government agency, school, strip mall, or multifamily dwelling with 5 or more units that subscribe to solid waste disposal service of 4 cubic yards or more per week, must also subscribe to a recycling service or self-haul recyclable materials. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Assembly Bill 827 added to AB 341 the requirement that any covered entity must also provide a corresponding recycling bin by each trash bin where customers have access. Bins must include signage to prevent contamination. Exceptions are bathrooms and full-service restaurants.

**Ways to comply.** Your organization may meet the recycling requirements through a combination of the following methods:

- Subscribe to traditional recycling services through your local franchise hauler.
- Subscribe to gardening services that recycles your greenwaste 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.

**How can we help?** The County has sent this letter to your organization because you have one or more locations in unincorporated Kern County, and therefore fall into our jurisdiction. One of our goals as a County department is to meet the needs of our residents and covered entities. Here are a few of the ways we can help:

- Provide model signage for you recycling bins.
- For those recycling through means other than trash hauler services the County provides a place to self-certify at it's website, [www.KernPublicWorks.com](http://www.KernPublicWorks.com).
  - Please note that any entity wishing to self-certify, must do so each year.
- In person waste audits. The County will send out a Public Works employee to your organization and evaluate your waste and make recommendations. This can also be used to verify possible exemption.

For further information please visit our website, [www.KernPublicWorks.com](http://www.KernPublicWorks.com). Thank you for your time.