

# Mandatory Commercial Recycling

California Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) requires all businesses that generate four (4) or more cubic yards of garbage per week and multi-family complexes with five (5) or more units to arrange for recycling collection services.

**Businesses include, but are not limited to, office buildings, retail, restaurants, non-profits, government offices and schools. Multi-family complexes include apartments, townhomes and condominiums.**

**The purpose of the law is to:**

- Divert waste from landfills
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions



For more information about AB 341, please visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial)

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New Recycling Laws for Businesses and Multi-Family Complexes. Important information and regulatory requirements inside!

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# Commercial Organics & Recycling Laws

Important Compliance Information Inside!



**New State Requirements  
for Businesses &  
Multi-Family Complexes**

# Mandatory Organics Recycling

## The mandatory **Commercial Organic Waste Recycling Law - AB 1826**

became effective on January 1, 2016 and requires businesses and multi-family complexes (with 5 or more units) that generate specified amounts of organic waste (compost) to arrange for organics collection services.

**AB 1826 requires businesses and multi-family complexes to start recycling organic waste (compost) by the following dates:**

### April 1, 2016

Generators of 8 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week

### January 1, 2017

Generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week

### January 1, 2019

Generators of 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week

## Regulatory Requirements

AB 1826 requires businesses to separate and recycle the following types of organic waste:

- **Food scraps**
- **Green waste/ Yard trimmings**
- **Non-hazardous, non-treated wood waste**
- **Food-soiled paper and cardboard**



**To comply with AB 1826, businesses and multi-family complexes must separate organic waste and:**

- **Subscribe** to the BizSMART organics (Compost) collection service provided by Recology San Mateo County or a similar service provided by another vendor; **or,**
- **Recycle** organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste for recycling; **or,**
- **Sell or donate** the generated organic waste.

## Multi-family Complexes

Multi-family complexes (with 5 or more units) must arrange for recycling services for organic waste with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper.

## How to Comply

Please contact Recology San Mateo County to learn more about the BizSMART Compost and Recycle collection services offered in your area.

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## How Can I Educate My Staff or Residents?



The BizSMART service provided by Recology San Mateo County offers free, on-site trainings to educate your staff or residents and provide posters, stickers, and internal containers at no additional cost.

\*Limits may apply.

## Questions?

For more information, please visit:  
[www.rethinkwaste.org/businesses/AB1826](http://www.rethinkwaste.org/businesses/AB1826) and  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics)