What you need to know about Business Recycling Legislation

Businesses that generate a certain amount of solid waste are subject to various recycling laws in California.

**MCR: Mandatory Commercial Recycling**
*Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341)*
requires all jurisdiction to meet the diversion goal of 75% by 2020 resulting in businesses who generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste to either:

- Participate in a recycling program with their local waste hauler
- Donate, sell and/or sell self-haul materials to a recycling facility

**Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants**
*Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)*
In September 2016, Governor Brown signed SB 1383 establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions. In accordance to this law, all local jurisdictions must provide organic waste collection service to all residential and commercial generators by January 1, 2022. This will help divert this material from landfills. Organic waste includes food scraps and green waste such as landscape and pruning waste.

**Starting January 1, 2022:** All Tier One generators will need to either sign up for organics recycling services or donate their food waste to a food bank or non-profit charitable organization. Tier One generators include supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors.

**Starting January 1, 2024:** All Tier Two generators will need to either sign up for organics recycling services or donate their food waste to a food bank or non-profit charitable organization. Tier Two generators include restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, large events, state agencies, and local education agencies.

For more information on SB 1383, please visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp)

For more information on Tier One and Tier Two generators, please visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/donors](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/donors)

**On Premises Collection Bins**
*Assembly Bill 827 (AB 827)*
This bill requires businesses to provide customers with public-facing recycling and organics recycling collection bins to collect recyclable material generated from products purchased on the premises. The bins or containers must be visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked with signage indicating appropriate recyclable material. Information about AB 827 is available at [https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/commercial/organics/faq](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/commercial/organics/faq)