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Organics Recycling, Are You In Compliance?

Effective 2020, California Assembly Bill 1826 mandates that, businesses, public entities, and multifamily residential dwellings (five or more units), generating 2-cubic yards or more of solid waste (total trash, recyclables, and organics) per week establish and maintain commercial organics recycling service. Organic waste means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste and non-hazardous wood waste. Please note that multifamily residential dwellings are not required to recycle their food waste.

The State requirements specify that applicable business waste generators:

- Separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste; or
- Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off-site for recycling, or;
- Donate or sell organic waste to a 3rd party that will recycle the organic waste or provide as edible food for human consumption.

Call our Customer Service office today at (760) 245-8607 to schedule a complimentary waste, recycling, and organics assessment. **To report your compliance visit Burrtec.com/victorville-san-bernardino-county and complete the digital compliance form.**

Did You Know?



Food waste generates 3.3 billion tons of carbon dioxide, which accelerates global climate change.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling - Is Your Business in Compliance?



Assembly Bill 341 mandates businesses and public entities, generating 4-cubic yards of trash or more and multifamily residential dwellings with five or more units, to establish and maintain recycling service. Recycling helps to conserve our natural resources and landfill space. Burrtec Recycling Coordinators can assist in selecting the appropriate recycling service level, along with the necessary education and outreach to managerial staff. Call our Customer Service office today to schedule a complimentary waste and recycling assessment.

Holiday Schedule

Please note that services are interrupted on the following holidays:

Memorial Day		Independence Day		Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day		Christmas Day*		New Year's Day*



***Due to the 2021 Christmas and 2022 New Year's Day holidays on Saturday, there will be no service interruptions or delays during the holiday weeks.**



When the holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. There is no service interruption or delay when the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

Recycle Right!

Place these types of materials in your recycling container.

- ✓ Aerosol cans (completely empty)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Cereal boxes (no wax paper lining)
- ✓ Coupons
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Magazines/catalogs
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Paper tubes
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Plastic containers
- ✓ Plastic milk jugs
- ✓ Tin cans
- ✓ Wrapping paper



Attention Food Service Providers

Existing state law requires certain qualifying businesses to implement a recycling or organics recycling program. Effective July 1, 2020, Assembly Bill 827 now requires food establishments that provide trash containers for products purchased and consumed on the premises to also provide properly labeled containers for recyclables and food waste for materials purchased on the premises for immediate consumption. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

The new law applies to limited-service restaurants such as those restaurants where customers order and pay at the counter and bus their own tables after eating. The law will affect restaurants, malls, and other businesses that serve food. Full-service food establishments that do not provide access to trash containers for products consumed on the premises will be exempt, as food workers will likely separate food waste and recyclables in the dish washing areas.



Requirements

- AB 827 requires collection containers at the front-of-house to be visible, accessible, and labeled.
- This law affects businesses that sell products that are meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants where employees bus and clean tables are exempt but must provide labeled collection containers adjacent to trash containers for employees/staff to separate recyclables and food waste.

For further information regarding this law, please visit <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/faq>

Help Keep Your Recycling Clean

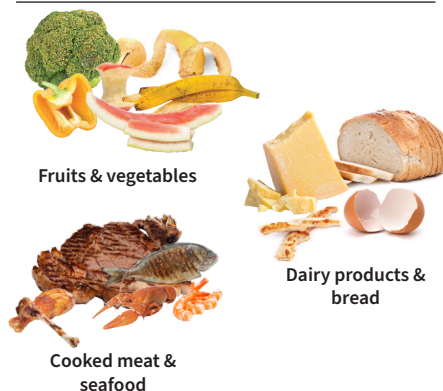
As of 2018, China, the largest market for the world's recycling materials, enforced the new "National Sword" policy. This policy banned numerous materials including several types of plastics, unsorted mixed paper and set strict standards for contamination levels. This policy has impacted recycling operations across the United States. Stakeholders are now faced with the challenges of processing recyclables that have little to no market value. Lowering the levels of contamination (trash) and understanding that certain materials may no longer be recyclable can help. We need your support. In order to continue pursuing alternative markets and help contain costs, please help lower the levels of contamination by only placing acceptable materials in your recycling container.

Sorted recycle bales are shipped to recycling manufacturing companies and made into new products. At the sorting line at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), workers must remove any contaminants—this is an essential and time-consuming step that can slow down the process. If any contaminants are missed in the sorting process, the finished recycle bales could be rejected by recycling manufacturers and, therefore, not acceptable to be recycled. Keeping your recycling container free of trash and non-recyclable contaminants will help reduce costs. Spread the message, "Help keep your recycling clean!"

Are You Ready to Recycle your Food Waste?

California passed a law, Senate Bill 1383, with a goal to improve air quality by reducing greenhouse house gas emissions from food waste and landscape waste being delivered to landfills. Landfilled organic waste decomposes and generates methane gas. To comply with this mandate, communities will have to begin a Food Waste Recycling Program for residential and commercial customers. It will also require edible food generating businesses such as grocery stores, food service distributors, supermarkets and restaurants to provide the edible food (that would otherwise be disposed) to organizations that will distribute it. These programs will be in effect in 2022. More information will be provided once the program is developed. For more information, please visit: www.calrecycled.ca.gov/climate/slcp

Accepted ✓



Not Accepted ✗

