

Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law (AB 341)

AB 341 requires businesses (public and private) to implement a recycling program if they are generating **four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week**. If you aren't sure if you generate more than four cubic yards of solid waste, check with your hauler.

AB 341 also requires multifamily complexes or apartment buildings of five units or more to implement a recycling program, regardless of how much waste they generate.

Implementing a recycling program includes activities that recycle, reuse or compost.

To arrange for recycling services, businesses may choose to haul their recyclables themselves or arrange for their pickup.

Questions? CalRecycle offers a complete set of answers to [Frequently Asked Questions about AB 341](#), including information about reporting, compliance and enforcement.

Commercial Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826)

AB 1826 requires businesses to recycle their organic waste. This includes both public and private businesses as well as multifamily complexes or apartment buildings of five units or more. The date at which a business is required to begin recycling their organics depends on how much waste the business generates each week.

The key deadlines for beginning organics recycling are:

April 1, 2016: Businesses that generate *more than 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week* must recycle organic waste.

January 1, 2017: Businesses that generate *more than 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week* must recycle organic waste.

January 1, 2019: Businesses that generate *more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week* must recycle organic waste.

Organic waste includes the following materials:

- food waste

- green waste and landscaping waste (leaves, grass, trimmings, branches and stumps)
- nonhazardous wood waste
- food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste (this does not include plastic-coated paper items such as [paper cups](#))

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