

# Recycling At Businesses And Apartments

Did you know that California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law (AB 341) and Mandatory Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826) will require many businesses and apartment complexes to implement recycling programs?

**Businesses** that generate four or more cubic yards of garbage per week are required to implement a recycling program (for bottles, cans, paper, etc.). In addition, if the business generates four or more cubic yards of organics (landscaping and food wastes) per week, it will be required to recycle those wastes.

At this time, the City does not offer a food waste program. Until a collection program is offered, businesses subject to the organics law, should ensure that their landscaping waste is being recycled.

**Apartment Complexes** containing five or more units are required to implement a recycling program (for bottles, cans, paper, etc.), and a program that specifically recycles landscaping wastes.

Owners/managers of businesses and apartment complexes should call (805) 875-8027 for questions

about the State's mandatory recycling laws and for assistance in setting up recycling services.

The City offers three types of recycling services: Commingled Recyclables, Green Waste, and Cardboard. All are offered at no additional charge. Please see below for a listing of materials accepted under each program.

**Commingled Recycling:** cardboard, bottles and jars, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, office paper, paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes), paper bags, phone books, plastic bottles & containers (coded #1 through #7, but no Styrofoam), and tin and aluminum cans.

**Green Waste Recycling:** grass, leaves, lumber scraps, small branches, cuttings from bushes, small plants, and weeds. No plastic bags, animal wastes, dirt, rocks, food wastes, palm fronds, pampas grass, cactus, Yucca, and iceplant.

**Cardboard Recycling:** cardboard boxes only (boxes must be broken down). Bins must not be contaminated with any other materials (e.g., Styrofoam). Cardboard bins can be provided to apartments with an onsite property manager, and are useful for new tenants that are moving-in.

