Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)

On July 1, 2012, a new law became effective in the State of California. Assembly Bill (AB 341) requires businesses that generate at least four cubic yards per week of solid waste and multi-family complexes with five units or more to have a recycling program in place.

Waste Management is pleased to provide commercial recycling services that can help your business comply with the new State Assembly Bill 341!

To sign up for recycling, contact Waste Management at (949) 642-1191 or visit our website at wmorangecounty.com. Waste Management will provide all the materials and resources needed to start a successful program!

Recycling — It Can Make a Big Difference!

While California has been a national leader in solid waste diversion practices, a large amount of recyclables still end up in the landfill. AB 341 is designed to help reach California’s recycling goal of 75% by the year 2020 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting waste from landfills. Recycling also helps extend the life of our existing landfills and decreases the need to site new landfills.

Recycling is an easy way to go green. If your building doesn’t have a recycling program, you’re missing out on an easy opportunity to conserve natural resources, save valuable landfill space and may even reduce your trash bill!
THESE ITEMS ARE RECYCLABLE

**Paper Products**
- Newspaper
- White/Color Paper
- Cardboard
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Telephone Books
- Paper Bags
- Cereal & Food Boxes
- Egg Cartons

**Metal Products**
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Tin Cans
- Food Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans

**Plastic Products**
- Bottles & Containers
- Plastic Bags
- Detergent Containers
- Plastic Packaging

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**TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SUCCESS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

Whether you have an existing recycling program or are starting from scratch, here are some quick and easy tips from Waste Management to help property owners and their tenants make California greener:

**Appoint a Recycling Champion:** Identify someone in your office building, apartment or condominium complex who will take ownership of the AB 341 process and coordinate participation.

**Recycle:** Place a desk-side recycling container (an empty copier paper carton will suffice) at every desk. Collect paper, bottles, cans, and cardboard/paperboard from all your employees or tenants. Recycle old printer cartridges using mail-back containers from the supplier.

**Reduce:** This may help lower your monthly trash bill. Think before printing a document. E-mail information instead of using a hard copy. By reducing the amount of material going into your trash bins and increasing the level of recycling, you may reduce your monthly trash rate.

**Reuse:** Encourage employees and tenants to reuse. Use paper already printed on one side for notes or printing drafts on the other. Bring your lunch to work in reusable containers. Drink coffee out of a mug and bring a travel mug with you when on the road.

**Compost:** Organics comprise nearly one-third of the materials found in the trash. Start a food scraps program.