



# MANDATORY RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE

Everyone in unincorporated Los Angeles County must do their part to divert organic waste from landfills to reduce our impact on climate change and the environment. That is why the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services. See the page on Mandatory Organic Waste for more information.

### UPCOMING EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE

The County is transitioning from a Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise System to an Exclusive System where one waste hauler will be awarded a specific service area. Thus, the mandatory organic waste collection service may not start until the Exclusive System starts, which is anticipated to be around July 2022.

*Businesses generate nearly 70% of solid waste in California. The State of California has adopted three laws that make it mandatory for businesses to recycle.*

## SENATE BILL (SB 1383) ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION AND FOOD DONATION

### ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION TARGETS

SB 1383 establishes the following targets to reduce methane emissions:

- 75% reduction in statewide organic waste disposal by 2025.
- Not less than 20% recovery of edible food for human consumption.



### HOW TO COMPLY?

Businesses that dispose of edible food **must** arrange for food donation with a local food recovery agency and/or subscribe to organics recycling.

- Identify and implement source-reduction strategies.
- Contact your waste hauler to arrange for organics recycling services.
- Donate food scraps to a local farm.
- Set up on-site organics recycling programs including compost bins, anaerobic digesters and dehydrators.

### PARTICIPATE IN THE LA COUNTY FOOD DROP PROGRAM

- The Food DROP Program aims to provide LA County businesses with resources to safely donate excess edible food to fight hunger and reduce food waste.
- Visit [FoodDROPLA.com](http://FoodDROPLA.com) for more information.



## ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 827) SOLID WASTE, COMMERCIAL AND ORGANIC WASTE, AND RECYCLING BINS

As of July 1, 2020, commercial food establishments are required to provide bins to customers for collecting organics and recycling alongside trash.

All three bins must be accessible and visible, clearly marked with signage on what can or cannot be placed into each bin, and the bins must be properly serviced.



This law targets businesses that sell products meant for immediate consumption.



Full-service restaurants do not have to provide properly labeled containers for customers but must provide properly labeled containers next to trash containers for employees to separate post-consumer recyclables and organics.



### QUESTIONS?

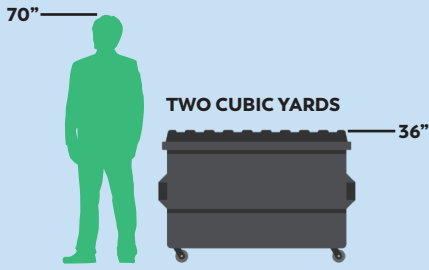
For more information, please call Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Thursday, or e-mail us at [CommercialFranchise@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:CommercialFranchise@pw.lacounty.gov). We also encourage you to visit the Organic Waste Management website periodically for updates.



# ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 341) MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING LAW

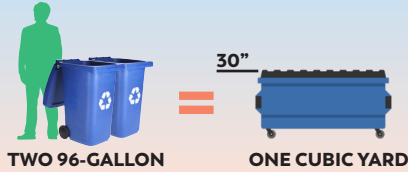
## BUSINESS RECYCLING REQUIREMENT

Businesses that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week **must** arrange for recycling services (most trash dumpsters are 3-4 cubic yards).



## HOW TO COMPLY?

- Self-haul recyclables to a processing facility.
- Take waste to a mixed processing facility.
- Contact a third-party recycler to take recyclables.
- Contact your waste hauler to arrange for one (1) **FREE** cubic yard (or up to two 96-gallon carts) of recycling service per week.



## WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE RECYCLING BIN?

Contact your waste hauler to verify acceptable materials that go into the recycling bin.



## TIPS FOR RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION

Place trash, recycling, and organic waste bins together to make recycling easier.



Food service establishments should consider eliminating single-use containers and reduce single-serve condiments.



Consider setting up a donation and/or exchange program to reduce waste and repurpose reusable items.



## RESOURCES | Visit [BusinessRecycling.com](http://BusinessRecycling.com) for more information on the following:

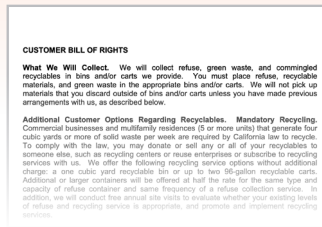
### RECYCLING RESOURCES



### AUTHORIZED WASTE HAULER LIST



### CUSTOMER BILL OF RIGHTS



### REQUESTING A CONSULTATION

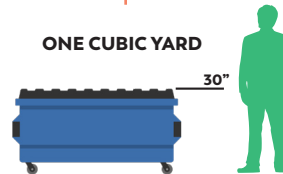
Request a free on-site consultation on our Business Recycling website. Our staff will assess your current system, make recommendations for complying with the State's requirements, and provide training for your employees.

*NOTE: On-site consultations will adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols.*



TWO 96-GALLON

All businesses are eligible for **FREE** recycling services equivalent to two 96-gallon carts or one (1) **FREE** cubic yard each week. Contact your waste hauler to set up recycling today.



ONE CUBIC YARD

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