



# NEW ORGANICS LAW PASSED



## Assembly Bill 1826

### Mandatory Organics

California Assembly Bill (AB) 1826, adopted on September 28, 2014, requires all businesses that generate eight (8) or more cubic yards of organic waste to compost by **April 1, 2016** and businesses that generate four (4) or more cubic yards of organic waste per week to compost by **January 1, 2017**.



Returning organic materials to soils reduces greenhouse gases and conserves landfill space. Food is the largest single source (15.5%) of all waste in California. More than six million tons of food products are discarded in California landfills every year.

To learn more about AB1826 visit:  
[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/)

## Assembly Bill 341

### Mandatory Recycling

California Assembly Bill (AB) 341, adopted on July 1, 2012, requires all businesses that generate four (4) or more cubic yards of garbage per week and multi-family dwellings with five (5) or more units to subscribe to recycling programs.

**Recycling services are FREE!**

Multi-family dwellings include apartments, townhomes and condominiums.

The purpose of the law is to:

- Reduce garbage going to landfills
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

To learn more about AB 341 visit:  
[calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/recycling/faq.htm](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/recycling/faq.htm)

# Single Stream Recycling

You can place all of your recyclables into one container. Commercial customers that subscribe to garbage collection service are entitled to Single-Stream recycling service at no additional charge.

By increasing recycling and reducing your garbage, it's possible to lower your garbage service level, which may result in cost savings. You can also show your customers, employees or tenants that you care about your impact on the environment and increase your visibility as a community leader.

That is an opportunity you can't afford to pass up, which is why recycling is truly smart business!



## PLACE IN TRASH:

Food/Food contaminated packaging

Food serving gloves

Garden hoses

Packing peanuts

Styrofoam

For recycling and reuse options of the materials listed above, please visit [RecologySouthBay.com](http://RecologySouthBay.com). If you have questions about the recycling program, please call **Recology Cupertino** at **408.725.4020**.

## PLASTICS

- All plastics, with or without symbols #1-#7, flower pots, bottles, buckets & party cups
- Plastic bags
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic utensils (not cornstarch or compostable)
- PVC Piping (must fit in container)
- Straws
- Tubs (includes butter, cottage cheese, margarine, sour cream and yogurt containers)



## GLASS AND ALUMINUM

- Glass bottles and jars (labels and lids are OK)
- Aluminum and bi-metal cans
- Aluminum foil (clean, no food)



## MIXED PAPER

- Phone books, catalogs, magazines, newspapers
- Books (paperback and hardcover)
- Cereal, cracker and frozen food boxes (plastic liners removed)
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- Shredded paper (please put into a paper bag before placing in recycling cart)



## CARDBOARD

- Aseptics (paper cartons that include boxed soups, juice boxes and soy containers).
- Cardboard must be flattened to fit inside recycling container with lid closed.

*According to the EPA, 63.9 percent of what goes into landfills is paper, plastic, metal and glass!*



# Compost Program

Think there isn't anything you can compost? Think again!

Don't send your food scraps and organic material to the landfill; compost them instead.

A successful program can help conserve natural resources and save landfill space.

## GREEN WASTE

- Branches (no larger than 3 inches in diameter)
- Brush
- Floral trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Tree trimmings
- Weeds

## FOOD WASTE

- Bones
- Breads
- Eggshells
- Fruits
- Meat
- Poultry
- Rice
- Seafood
- Shellfish
- Vegetables

## ORGANICS

- Coffee grounds/filters
- Napkins
- Paper milk cartons
- Paper tea bags (not nylon or synthetic tea bags)
- Paper towels/plates
- Pizza boxes
- Untreated wood (including chopsticks)



## PLACE IN TRASH:

- Ashes
- Bio-degradable plastics\*
- Construction & demolition (C & D)
- Cornstarch items\*
- Dirt, rock, concrete
- Food serving gloves
- Garbage
- Pet & human excrement
- Styrofoam and packing peanuts

If you have questions about the green waste/organics program, please call **Recology Cupertino** at **408.725.4020**.



\* Cornstarch materials and bio-degradable plastics have a longer decomposition break down period than green waste and organic material and therefore do not breakdown in our compost process. Please throw them in the trash.

# Commercial Containers

Commercial containers come in a variety of sizes to suit your Recycle, Compost and Garbage service needs.

SIZE	LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT
32-gallon	24.25"	19.25"	38.5"
64-gallon	31.75"	24.25"	41.75"
96-gallon	35.25"	29.75"	43.25"

The most common sized containers are listed below.\* Call Recology at **408.725.4020** for a free audit to help you get started. Visit the Environmental Services page at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) for rates.



SIZE	DEEP	WIDE	HIGH
1.5-cubic yard	3'	7'	4'
2-cubic yards	4'	7'	5'
3-cubic yards	4'	7'	5'
4-cubic yards	5'	7'	4'
6-cubic yards	6'	7'	5'
8-cubic yards	6'	7'	8'

\*Container dimensions may vary

Internal Compost containers are available at no additional charge, subject to availability.

