

State Recycling Requirements for Businesses and Multi-Family Communities

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ASSEMBLY BILL 341

Who Must Recycle

State law requires the following businesses to arrange for recycling services:

- Any business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week; and
- Multi-family communities with five or more units.

How to Arrange for Recycling Services

- Businesses that meet the threshold must place source-separated recyclable materials in the bins or containers provided exclusively by Stanislaus County's waste collection and recycling service providers.
- Businesses may also donate, sell and/or make other arrangements for pick up and recycling of the materials. This includes self-hauling the materials to recycling facilities.



Opportunities to Save Resources and Help the Environment

Recycling conserves resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. It extends the life of our landfills and helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

Be Sure to Educate your Employees

Employees are key to a successful business recycling program. Please make sure your employees know which materials can be recycled and where to place the recyclable materials for temporary storage and ultimate collection.

What *Not* to Place in Recycling Bins

Some hazardous waste can be recycled if handled properly. Other types of hazardous waste must be sent to a special facility. Of course, no hazardous waste should be placed in trash containers.

- Hazardous waste such as batteries, paint, antifreeze, chemicals and cleaning products should **not** be mixed in with your recyclable materials set out for collection. Instead, these hazardous wastes should be recycled or disposed of properly. For more information about proper handling, please visit www.stancounty.com/er/household-hazardous-waste.shtm.
- Electronic devices such as old computers, monitors, TVs, and cell phones are recyclable but also contain hazardous materials. They should **not** be placed in recycling bins or in trash bins either. For more information about how to manage these items, visit www.stancounty.com/er/household-hazardous-waste.shtm.

Where to Go for More Information

- Information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/default.htm.
- You may also contact Stanislaus County, Department of Environmental Resources at (209) 525-6700 for more information.