Assembly Bill (AB) 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR)
If your business generates 4 or more cubic yards of solids waste weekly (includes trash, recycling and organics waste) and/or if you manage an apartment complex with five or more units, State law requires you to have a recycling program. The City of West Sacramento is here to help! Through our contract with Waste Management, we offer mixed recycling services at no additional cost to your trash service. By recycling bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard, you can lower your trash bill by downsizing your trash service. To help businesses meet the MCR recycling requirement or improve an existing recycling program, the City offers waste evaluations, waste sorting signage, and interior collection bins, at no additional cost. Please call the City today at (916) 617-4590 to get started.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe)
If your business generates 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste weekly (includes trash, recycling, and organics waste), State law requires you to recycle the organics portion of that waste. The State defines organics waste as food waste, food-soiled paper waste, landscape/pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste. Apartment complexes with 5 or more units, producing 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste weekly, are required to recycle the landscape debris portion of their organic waste. Some exemptions to the MORe requirements may apply to your business. To learn more about the organics recycling requirements and the existing exemptions, please visit: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/Business/].
To document your compliance with AB 1826 MORe requirements or to file for an exemption, please take our short survey at: [WestSacRecycles.org/MOResurvey].

Effective July 1, 2020: Businesses subject to the Mandatory Commercial Recycling and/or Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling requirements, that provide their customers with access to trash bins, must also provide these customers with access to adjacent recycling and organic waste recycling bins. Trash, recycling, and organic waste bins are required to be clearly labeled and waste sorting instructions must be present. The City is here to help your business meet these requirements by offering interior recycling and organic waste recycling bins and waste sorting signage, at no additional cost. To learn more about the AB 827 requirements and if they apply to your business, visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycling/commercial/faq].

Assembly Bill (AB) 827 - NEW Requirements for Customer Recycling

To subscribe to an organics recycling service, please contact a service provider directly. Organics recycling services are open market in West Sacramento, meaning businesses may choose the service provider(s) that best meet their needs. Waste Management, Inc. (WM) currently offers a service that allows customers to mix organic waste (food scraps, landscape debris and food soiled paper) in one bin. To learn more about the organics services WM offers in West Sacramento, call (530) 919-8049. To help businesses set up compliant programs, the City offers waste evaluations, interior collection bins and waste sorting signage, at no additional cost. Call the City at (916) 617-4590 for assistance.
FOOD DONATION GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTION LAWS

Did you know there are both federal and state laws in place to protect businesses from civil and criminal liability when edible food is donated in good faith? In 1996, the federal government passed the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, and in 2017, California legislators passed Assembly Bill 1219, which extended these federal protections to include donations of food fit for consumption that has exceeded its dated shelf life. These federal and state protections free businesses to donate edible surplus foods without fear of legal consequences.

UP-AND-COMING NEW STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIC WASTE

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 was signed into California law in 2016 as part of the state’s broader effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By January 2022, you may be required to donate your leftover edible food and/or subscribe to an organic waste recycling service. The purpose of the bill is to reduce methane gas emissions caused by the landfilling of organic waste by requiring edible food recovery to feed the food insecure; and by expanding the existing mandatory organics waste recycling requirements. To learn more about SB 1383 and how this legislation may affect your business, visit: calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/stcp

ORGANIC RECYCLING RESOURCES

FOOD DONATION CONTACTS

Food Bank of Yolo County
(530) 668-0690  |  www.Yolofoodbank.org
California Emergency Foodlink
(916) 387-9000  |  www.Cafoodlink.org

FOOD RECOVERY FOR ANIMAL FEED

Smitty’s Pig Farm  |  (916) 496-1906
Reconserve  |  (209)982-5085

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.CalRecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/Business
www.EPA.gov/Sustainable-Management-Food
www.SaveTheFood.com
Www.Cropmobster.com
www.WestSacRecycles.org
www.Olioex.com

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