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State Mandated Commercial Recycling – AB341

Applies to:

- Businesses that generate at least 4 cubic yards of trash per week
- Multi-family residences/communities with 5 or more units

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of recycling mandates which may affect your business or multifamily housing unit of 5+. On July 1, 2012, Governor Brown signed into law AB 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling, effectively increasing California's waste diversion goal to 75 percent. In October 2014, the Governor enacted AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling. This law requires that many businesses must provide for the recycling of organic materials.

The purpose of these laws is to divert material from landfills, meet the State's 75 percent diversion goal and mitigate the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

The County is required to report to the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) periodically on the compliance level of local businesses to these mandates.

Businesses affected include commercial sites, manufacturing locations, warehouses, non-profits, schools, governmental agencies, and multi-family residences with 5 or more units. Details on this legislation are as follows:

AB 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling:

- Applies to businesses that generate at least 4 cubic yards of trash per week;
- Applies to multi-family residences with 5 or more units;
- Recyclable materials include glass, plastic, CRV cans/bottles, paper, metals, cardboard and/or other materials.

To comply with AB 341, applicable businesses must perform one of the following actions:

1. Subscribe to a recycling service;
2. Self-haul recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Donate or sell recyclable items.

AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling:

- As of January 1, 2017, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic materials per week, must recycle organics;
- Organics include food waste, landscape materials, and food contaminated paper waste;
- Requires that applicable businesses participate in a recycling program for organic materials;
- Multi-family residences of 5 or more units must divert landscape materials only.

To comply with AB 1826, applicable businesses must perform one of the following actions:

1. Subscribe to a recycling service for organics;
2. Self-haul organics and/or other recyclable items to a verifiable recycler;
3. Operate an on-site organics recycling program in compliance with state and local laws;
4. Donate or sell organic materials (not typical) .

If your business opts to subscribe to recycling services, please contact your hauler. Please see the attached map for your hauler contact information. Your hauler will assist you in obtaining the appropriate level of service for your needs.

If your business or multi-family location decides to self-haul, donate, re-use on site or have hauled away recyclables and/or organics that are not managed through a collection service, a CERTIFICATION OF MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING form (attached) can be filled out to document your compliance. If your business has a recycling program in place, not with a hauler, please complete the form and return it to the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance.

Sincerely,

Merced County Department of Public Works

CERTIFICATION OF MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

I, _____ certify that _____
Authorized Representative (Print) Business or Multifamily +5 Name (Print)

located at: _____ City: _____
Location Street Address Location City

Zip Code: _____ Contact Phone#: _____
Location Zip

Mailing Address: _____
If different

has the following recycling program(s) in place as outlined in the table below:

1. Check the box(es) to indicate the commodity type recycled and how it is done.
2. Fill in the name of the recycler (company) you haul to.
- 3 Only check boxes for the commodities which you have a recycling program in place.
4. If you do not recycle an item listed – leave the box blank.
5. Do not use this form if you have recycling service provided by your hauler. Your hauler will report your compliance while you have recycling service with them.

Commodity Type	Self-Haul to Recycler	Donate /Sell	On Site Re-Use or Processin	Landscaper Hauls	Name of Recycler
CRV Cans / Bottles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Not Applicable</i>	
Non CRV Glass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Non CRV Plastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Scrap Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mixed Paper/Cardb	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Food Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Food Contaminated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mixed Green/Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wood Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

X _____
Authorized Representative Signature

Date

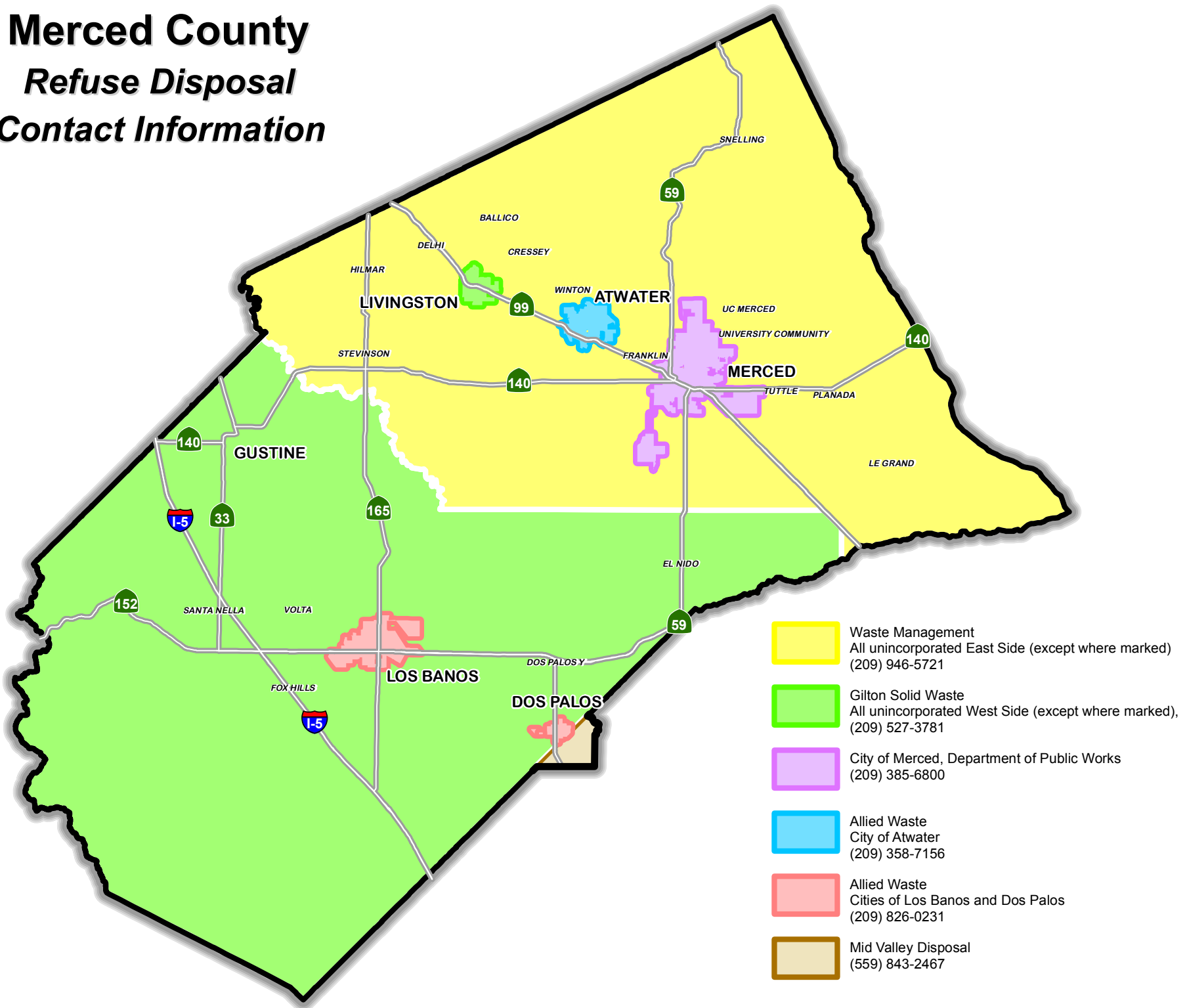
Please submit this form via Mail, Fax or Email to:

Merced County Dept. Public Works 345 W 7th Street, Merced, CA 95341
 Fax (209) 722-7690 Email: ab341info@co.merced.ca.us

Merced County

Refuse Disposal

Contact Information



WHY MUST BUSINESS AND MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES RECYCLE?

It's the law. For the past several years California has surpassed it's goal of recycling 50% of waste materials. Californians have done such a good job that the new goal is to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2020. To accomplish this task, business and multi-family complexes are mandated to divert organics and other recyclable materials from the waste stream.

**IN MERCED COUNTY
CONTACT YOUR
HAULER
with questions
about
State Mandated
Recycling
Requirements
or to request
recycling services.
(see map)**

SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Merced County businesses that produce small amounts of hazardous waste material and are considered Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG's) may properly dispose of their materials quarterly at a discounted rate.

Call (209) 723-4481 x 224 for more information about this program.

Working together for a greener tomorrow:



209-946-5721



209-527-3781



RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS for Business & Multi-Family Complexes




**It's
The Law**



**A Guide for Business and Multi-Family
Complexes to Comply with California
Recycling Regulations**

CALIFORNIA LAW: BUSINESSES & MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES MUST RECYCLE!

State of California Mandates (AB1826 & AB341) Require Business and Multi-Family Complexes (5 or more units) to recycle organics and other recyclable materials. **RECYCLING AND COMPLIANCE IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3.**

Container/Bin	Type of Materials:	Who Must Comply?	How to Comply:																								
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<h2>2. RECYCLABLES</h2> 	<p>Recyclable Materials Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Glass • Cardboard • Plastic • Metals • Bottles & Cans 	<p>Business and Multi-family Complexes that generate 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week must have a recycling program in place or must subscribe to a recycling service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscribe to recycling services from your waste collector. • Deliver recyclable materials to a verifiable recycler. 																								
<h2>3. WASTE</h2> 	<p>Materials that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) do not fit into the organics or recyclable categories, above, 2) that are nonhazardous and 3) that are not banned from the landfill may be placed into the waste container. 	<h2>DID YOU KNOW?</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By adding recycling services, business and multi-family complexes can save money by decreasing the size of garbage bins and frequency of service. • By recycling, more items are kept out of landfills, extending the life of these facilities. • Recyclable materials that are used in manufacturing are, in most cases, more cost effective than virgin materials. 																									

Questions? Please contact (209) 527-3781 or <http://www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling>

*Recycling programs are subject to state & local ordinance code, rules and restrictions. Visit www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling for more information. Recycling programs may vary.

Check with your local collector for materials that can be placed in your recycling container. Exemptions may apply – see www.mcrwma.org/173/Commercial-Recycling for details.