

## Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law

**As of July 1, 2012, [Assembly Bill 341](#) (AB341) requires all businesses in California that generate four or more cubic yards of waste per week to recycle.**

Under State of California law AB 341, businesses are required to arrange for recycling services if any of the following criteria are met:

Business that generates four (4) or more cubic yards of trash per week

Multi-family residential property with five (5) or more units. Multi-family properties of 4 units or less are currently exempt

### What is AB 341?

In January 2012, Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) was signed into law in California to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. AB 341, also called the "Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulation," requires businesses and multi-family residential dwellings of five units or more,

that generate four or more cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week to implement recycling programs, on or after July 1, 2012. The regulatory approach to this legislation has been designed to be extremely flexible.

The goal is to divert 75% (previously 50%) of California's waste stream away from the landfill and instead towards recycling by the year 2020.

Calculate your recycling impact! The Commercial Climate Calculator or C3 is a tool to help businesses reduce the amount of money spent on waste hauling services, lower their greenhouse gas emissions, and keep reusable and recyclable material out of landfills. For more information:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/calculator/>

With the passage of AB 341 (Chapter 476, Statutes of 2011 [Chesbro, AB 341]), California is one of the first states in the nation to enact a statewide program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste from landfills.

- State mandatory recycling for businesses and multi-family properties began July 1, 2012.
- AB 341 requires all businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste weekly and apartment communities/multi-family housing with 5 or more units to recycle.
- Recycling helps conserve resources and extends the life of California's landfills. It also helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations. For more information about the California's mandatory recycling law, AB 341, visit Cal Recycle's [Commercial Recycling webpage](#).

### What can be recycled?

Here are just a few of the many materials that are able to be recycled.

- Aluminum Cans and Foil
- Magazines
- Tin Cans
- Cardboard
- Plastic #1-7
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Paper