



## **Humboldt Waste Management Authority**

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The commercial sector generates almost three quarters of solid waste in California.\* Recycling materials reduces green house gas emissions, specifically by reducing emissions associated with product production including material extraction, preprocessing and manufacturing. In an effort to curb greenhouse gas emissions and meet target reductions, 2-3 million tons of materials will need to be diverted from the landfill and recycled by the commercial sector by 2020. In order to meet this goal, the State of California has implemented Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341).

As of July 1, 2012, AB 341 requires that businesses and public entities generating four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, and multi-family apartment units of five or more, make efforts to recycle. The method of recycling depends on which collection methods are available in your geographic area. Businesses and multi-family units can either elect to sign up for curbside recycling or self-haul recyclables to a drop off location of your choice.

**Is your business in compliance with AB 341?**

**X** *Your business has arranged for recycling services. For more information on who you should call to arrange for curbside recycling service or to find your nearest recycling drop off location, call your garbage hauler or see: <http://www.hwma.net/curbside-dropoff>*

**X** *All employees are aware of what materials can be recycled. Check with your hauler or nearest recycling drop off to see what materials can be recycled.*

**X** *You have adequate containers within your business to separate trash from recyclables. Putting trash and recycling containers next to each other, and clearly labeling bins, help promote recycling and makes it convenient.*

**X** *Work with custodial staff to be clear that the recycled materials separated inside your business are getting into the outside recycling bin.*

For more information about AB 341, Mandatory Commercial Recycling, see <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/>

For more information about how and where to recycle in Humboldt County, contact your curbside solid waste and recycling hauler or Humboldt Waste Management Authority at 707-268-8680.

\*Source: CalRecycle, statewide waste characterization data