

# California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law

## *What You Need To Know*

### **Why Recycle?**

It's the law! California Assembly Bill 341 requires a business, defined to include a commercial or public entity that generates more than **4 cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week** or is a **multifamily residential dwelling of 5 units or more** to arrange for recycling services, on and after July 1, 2012.

### **Economic and Environmental Benefits**

Approximately sixty percent of landfill waste is generated by the commercial sector, therefore California enacted a statewide program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting waste from landfills. Promoting commercial recycling helps keep recyclable materials out of landfills, conserves resources, extends the life of the landfill and saves businesses money. Reducing waste by recycling will help reduce overall disposal costs. Contact your hauler to learn about recycling options and how you can start saving.

### **Where to Start?**

Ensuring that your business has a successful recycling program will depend on a few key elements, most importantly support from the management and/or owner of the business and properly trained staff. Communication is crucial for success. Here are a few simple steps to get started in the right direction:

► **Step 1:** Contact your hauler to have a FREE waste assessment done to determining the perfect recycling system for your establishment.

► **Step 2:** Set up recycling services and have the necessary equipment delivered so you can begin recycling.

*Tip:* Placement of recycling containers next to each trash cans increases the chances of getting more recyclables into the correct container.

► **Step 3:** Train employees. You may contact the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext 271 to schedule a FREE training.

► **Step 4:** Posting signage to remind employees to recycle specific items (cardboard, paper, etc.) will keep those materials from going into the trash.

*Tip:* Newsletters and flyers also reinforce the message.

For more information on Mandatory Commercial Recycling please visit  
[www.calrecycle.ca.us/Climate/Recycling/default.html](http://www.calrecycle.ca.us/Climate/Recycling/default.html)