Mandatory Recycling for Businesses and Multi Family Complexes

AB 341 – Mandatory Commercial Recycling

In October of 2011, Assembly Bill (AB) 341 set a 75% recycling goal for California by year 2020. This law Mandates that all Commercial business and all public entities that generate Four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, and multifamily complexes with five units or more, are subject to mandatory recycling and are required to do one of the following.

1) Separate recyclables materials from solid waste that are discarded, and either self-haul or arranged for separation collection of recyclables, or
2) Subscribe to a service that includes mixed waste processing that provides diversion results comparable to source separation.

AB 1826 – Organics

In October 2014, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 requiring all business including multifamily complexes to recycle their organics waste that would be landfill bound. The full scope takes 5 years to implement by first targeting the largest waste generators. The implementation schedule for business and multifamily complexes to have an organics recycling program in place is as follows:

1) April 1st 2016: Business and Multifamily Complexes generating 8 cubic yards per week of organic waste
2) January 1st 2017: Business and Multifamily Complexes generating 4 cubic yards per week of organic waste
3) January 1st 2019: Business and Multifamily Complexes generating 4 cubic yards per week of SOLID WASTE

*Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscaping and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed food waste.

For more information on AB 341 (Mandated Commercial Recycling) and AB 1826 (Mandated Organic Waste Recycling) please visit the CalRecycle website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov