

BUSINESS LAWS

SB 1383 SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

APPLIES TO ALL COMMERCIAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.



Signed into law by Governor Brown in 2016, SB 1383 mandates statewide actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. The bill establishes two main targets:

BY 2020

Reduce disposal of organic materials in landfills by 50% from the 2014 level.

BY 2025

Reduce disposal of organic materials in landfills by 75% from the 2014 level. By this point, no less than 20% of edible food currently disposed must also be recovered for human consumption.

SB 1383 serves as the regulatory force behind both AB 341 and AB 1826, and it imposes heavy fines for noncompliance.

For edible food donation options, visit zerowastesonoma.gov/materials/food

AB 341 MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

APPLIES TO ALL COMMERCIAL ENTITIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS THAT PRODUCE 4 CUBIC YARDS OR MORE OF COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE PER WEEK. THIS INCLUDES FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITH 5 OR MORE UNITS.

Signed into law by Governor Brown in 2011, AB 341 mandates commercial entities that meet the 4 cubic yard threshold to divert recyclables from the landfill.

RECYCLING INCLUDES CARDBOARD, PAPER, PLASTIC, GLASS, AND METALS

HOW TO COMPLY

Businesses can do any combination of the following:

- Self-haul to a recycling facility.
- Sign up to have your recyclables picked up by your local hauler. [SEE CURBSIDE SERVICES PAGE 6](#)
- Make other arrangements for the pickup of recyclable materials.

FOR ALL COMMERCIAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND NON-PROFITS

FREE RESOURCES

WASTE AUDITS AND PRESENTATIONS

DESK-SIDE AND COMMON AREA RECYCLING BINS

CALL 565-1730 FOR MORE INFORMATION



AB 1826 MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING

APPLIES TO ALL COMMERCIAL ENTITIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS THAT PRODUCE 4 CUBIC YARDS OR MORE OF COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE PER WEEK. THIS INCLUDES FOR-PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITH 5 OR MORE UNITS.

Signed into law by Governor Brown in 2014, AB 1826 requires commercial entities that meet the 4 cubic yard of solid waste threshold to divert organic materials from the landfill. Solid waste means the entire waste stream, including garbage and recycling.

THE STATE DEFINES ORGANICS AS FOOD, GREEN MATERIALS, LANDSCAPE/PRUNINGS, NON-HAZARDOUS WOOD SCRAP, AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER

HOW TO COMPLY

- Sign up to have your compostable food scraps and green material picked up by your local hauler. [SEE CURBSIDE SERVICES PAGE 6](#)
- Compost on-site. For helpful resources and information on regulations, visit calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/compostmulch
- Self-haul or back-haul to a composting facility.
- Donate food to feed people or animals. [SEE ZERO WASTE LIFESTYLE PAGE 11](#)

DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE AND POLYSTYRENE FOAM BAN MODEL ORDINANCE

APPLIES TO FOOD/BEVERAGE PROVIDERS, RETAILERS, SPECIAL EVENT PROMOTERS, GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, CONTRACTORS, AND LESSEES.

Jurisdictions in Sonoma County have implemented or are considering a model ordinance to ban the sale of certain polystyrene foam products and limit the use of non-recyclable or non-compostable disposable food ware. Please confirm specific requirements within your jurisdiction.

ABOUT THE MODEL ORDINANCE

- Prohibits polystyrene foam food ware distributed by food and beverage providers.
- Prohibits polystyrene foam food ware and specified polystyrene foam products sold by retail stores.
- Requires food/beverage providers and special events to use compostable or recyclable single-use food service ware.
- Requires food/beverage providers to provide single-use straws, lids, cutlery, and to-go condiment packages only upon request.
- Encourages use of reusables.

For more information and to report non-compliant businesses, visit zerowastesonoma.gov/disposable

POLYSTYRENE FOAM IS GOING AWAY



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2 WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR CARRYOUT BAGS ORDINANCE

APPLIES TO ALL GROCERY STORES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.



- Prohibits all single-use plastic carryout bags (point-of-sale or checkout).
- Requires a minimum 10¢ charge on all compliant recycled paper bags.
- Charge must be displayed separately on customer receipt.
- Stores to keep the charge.

For more information, visit zerowastesonoma.gov/carryoutbags

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE (RMDZ)

calrecycle.ca.gov/rmdz

565-1730

Sonoma County is part of California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) RMDZ program zone. The program seeks to combine recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills.

Resources available include attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing to businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products.

SONOMA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

SonomaCounty.ca.gov/Green-Business

565-6470

The Sonoma Green Business Program recognizes businesses, nonprofit organizations, and municipal offices in Sonoma County that meet high environmental standards.

The Green Business Program is a voluntary and no-cost certification that looks at specific measures regarding energy, water, waste, pollution prevention, and best practices.

Resources available include free environmental consulting from the County of Sonoma Energy and Sustainability Division, listing on the California Green Business Directory and Shop Green App, use of the Green Business logo in your marketing materials, and much more.

