

AB341

MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING (Chesbro, AB 341)

What is the purpose of this new regulation?

Approximately 75% of California's solid waste generation comes from commercial sources, which includes commercial, industrial, construction/demolition activities and multi-family residential complexes. In the unincorporated areas of Monterey County, approximately 54% of solid waste generated came from commercial sources. Of which, only 25% was recycling.



The passing of AB 341 will divert commercial solid waste to recycling efforts, reduce disposal fees for businesses and reclaim valuable resources. Recycling also saves natural resources, helps California's environment, promotes economic growth and recycling sector job creation, and reduces impacts to global warming.

Who does this affect and what does the new regulation require?

Commercial businesses that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and multi-family residential complexes of five (5) units or more must implement a recycling program.

When did this bill go into effect?

July 1, 2012

What is the proper response?

Affected commercial businesses and multi-family residential complexes should contact Monterey County Recycling Services to schedule a FREE waste assessment. Recycling Services staff will review what is currently going in to your garbage, help you find ways to divert recyclable materials, and provide you with service level recommendations to ensure your business is equipped with the proper garbage, recycling and yard waste collection service. Service level adjustments may also lead to a reduction in disposal costs. Recycling Services may be reached at (831) 755-4505 or recycle@co.monterey.ca.us.

What other information needs to be communicated?

Recycling Services staff will also provide employee and/or custodial staff training to ensure everyone understands what is and is not recyclable and help you sustain a successful recycling program. Tourism based businesses (bars, restaurants, hotels) and multi-family residential complexes may also qualify to

receive free indoor recycling infrastructure, such as collection bins, labels, and brochures. Contact Recycling Services for more information.

How can I find out more?

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