

What Every Business Needs To Know...

As part of California's Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change, several laws have recently passed to help reduce greenhouse gases, increase recycling in the U.S., and divert organic materials away from the waste stream. These new mandates affect every business in California, and each have their own compliance requirements of businesses and multi-family residences. **See below for details on each new California State Law and resources to help ensure compliance.**



AB 341: Commercial Recycling

Purpose: For businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste that they generate as possible.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or a multifamily residential dwelling of five (5) units or more to arrange for recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free consultation and customized on-site recycling program assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit

<https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 341.

AB 1826: Organic Waste Recycling

Purpose: Nearly half of California's waste stream is organic material like yard trimmings, food waste, and lumber. AB 1826 helps divert organic material from landfills and into composting and anaerobic digestion facilities where it is transformed into rich soil amendments and biofuel.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free waste assessment, training and technical assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit

<https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 1826.



SB 1383: Edible Food Recovery

Purpose: California is aiming to reduce the amount of organic waste by 50 percent by 2020 and by 75 percent by 2025. SB 1383 helps reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as methane gas, which is produced from the decomposition of organic materials, including food waste.

Requirements: Each resident and business will need to reduce their disposal of organic waste by arranging for organics recycling services, and businesses will also need to establish a food recovery program to divert edible food from the waste stream.

What does "edible food" mean? "Edible food" means unsold or unserved food that is fit for human consumption, even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

Resource: Nonprofit organization, *Food Finders*, connects donated perishable food to nonprofit pantries and shelters throughout Southern California in an effort to reduce hunger and food waste, simultaneously. They currently partner with grocery stores, restaurants, food manufacturers, hotels, bakeries, hospitals, schools and others to meet growing levels of food insecurity and are a great resource to utilize in developing a food recovery program. To find out how your business can donate edible food, please visit <http://www.foodfinders.org/>.

Earth Day 2020

April 22nd is officially the day that we celebrate our home, our planet, our Earth... and this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! Is your business taking steps to become more eco-friendly? With this year's theme being climate action, we encourage everyone, especially local businesses and multi-family residences, to get involved in their communities to address issues such as climate change, pollution and the conservation of water.

Orange County has several events happening in the month of April. Consider opening these events up to your staff, colleagues, and customers as a way to engage them in fun activities that raise awareness on the environmental issues you care about. To find an Earth Day event near you, please visit <https://enjoyorangecounty.com/earth-day/>!



Close the Loop

Collecting materials is only the first step toward making the recycling process work. Successful recycling also depends on manufacturers making products from recovered materials and, in turn, consumers purchasing products made of recycled materials. Do your part: "close the loop" and buy products made of recycled materials whenever possible.



Report Illegal Dumping

In order to ensure proper pickup, all trash and recycling bin lids must be closed completely. If bins are overfilled or have bulky items preventing the lid from closing properly, there is a risk of having items fall out during the dumping process. The bin may be tagged for safety reasons.

To report illegal dumping happening in your trash bin or anywhere else in the city of Cypress, please call Cypress City Hall at (714) 229-6700 or download the FREE city issue reporting app called **Cypress Central**. All issues submitted using this online mobile application will go directly into the City's issue tracking system. App users can input descriptions, GPS-specific location, as well as photo or video of the issue. Once a request is submitted, you can keep track of pending and completed requests through the app.

Download the **Cypress Central** app today on the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#) to report issues happening in your neighborhood and stay up to date on City news and events.

Bulky Item Collection

VVSOC offers Commercial Bulky Item Collection service for businesses and multi-family residences to dispose of items that are too large to fit into the standard trash bin. *Some acceptable items to have picked are:*



- Tables
- Refrigerators
- Couches
- Washers
- Mattresses
- Dryers
- Chairs
- Stoves

Bulky item pickup requests must be placed at least 24 hours in advance, to ensure pickup on the next regularly scheduled bulky item collection day which is on Wednesdays. Please do not leave items out for collection without calling to schedule a pick-up and receiving confirmation. **To schedule a bulky item pickup, call our Customer Service Department today at (714) 380-5450.**

Holiday Schedule

Collection Service will not run on these upcoming holidays:

Memorial Day

Independence Day/4th of July

If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day. Excluding holidays, our normal business hours are **Monday through Friday 8 am - 5 pm and Saturday 8 am - 1 pm.**

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