What is the Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Program?

With the State of California's passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 341, businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week and multi-family units of five or more are required to recycle. The purpose of this new law is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste from landfills and expand opportunities for recycling in California.

Who must comply with the Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Program?

- Businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week.
- Multi-family residential dwellings that have five units or more.

What are the Program requirements?

Businesses shall take one or any combination of the actions to reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise divert commercial solid waste from disposal:

- Self-haul to a recycling center.
- Subscribe to recycling service with the hauler authorized by the City to collect, haul, carry, or transport recyclable material. Contact Consolidated Disposal Service (800) 299-4898 to subscribe.
- Sell your recyclable material with a market value to a recycling service. The sale of recyclable materials must be documented by a bill of sale, receipt or other documentation satisfactory to the City Director of Public Works.

Where can I get more information on the State Mandatory Commercial Recycling Program?

CalRecycle Website:

www.CalRecycle.gov

CalRecycle's Mandatory Commercial Recycling team email address:

LAMD@calrecycle.ca.gov

Are there any exemptions to the new mandatory commercial recycling law?

The City may exempt businesses for reasons such as zoning requirements, lack of sufficient space in multi-family complexes to provide additional bins, lack of markets, non-generation of recyclable materials, or current implementation by a business of actions that result in recycling of a significant portion of its commercial waste. Exemption Request Forms can be found on the City website: www.cityofwhittier.org.

What materials need to be recycled?

The law does not specify what materials your business should recycle, but starting with typical household and office recyclables is a good place to begin. This might include office paper, mail, newspapers, magazines and catalogs, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles and containers, plastic bags and film, and cans.

What can we recycle?

PAPER

- ALL clean and dry paper, including:
- Catalogues and magazines
- Envelopes and file folders
- Paper, milk and egg cartons
- Phone books
- White printer paper

METAL

- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil
- Empty aerosol cans (non-hazardous)
- Metal/bi-metal cans

PLASTIC

- ALL plastic food and beverage containers including:
- Rigid plastic
- Water, milk and soda bottles (#1-7)
- Yogurt & margarine containers

GLASS

- ALL glass bottles and jars

CARDBOARD

- ALL cardboard (including clean pizza boxes)

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