

## **Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341) and Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826)**

**Commercial Recycling**—Assembly Bill 341, passed in 2011, mandates recycling for businesses producing four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, and multifamily dwellings of five units or more. Entities affected by this law include for profit and not for profit businesses, schools, government agencies and facilities, and multifamily residential dwellings. This commercial recycling law took effect July 1, 2012.

Under the law, Ontario businesses must separate recyclables from trash and then either subscribe to City of Ontario recycling services, self-haul their recyclables, or contract with a permitted private recycler. For information about private recyclers, call (909) 395-2040.

**Commercial Organics Recycling**—Assembly Bill 1826, passed in 2014, mandates organic waste recycling for qualifying businesses and multifamily dwellings. The commercial organics recycling law takes effect April 1, 2016, and will be phased in over the next three years.

Following is the phased in schedule and qualifying guidelines for businesses and multifamily dwellings:

- **April 1, 2016**—generators of 8 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- **January 1, 2017**—generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- **January 1, 2019**—generators of 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week.
- **January 1, 2020**—generators of 2 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week (if statewide disposal of organic waste is not decreased by half).

**City Actions**—The City of Ontario is required to provide a number of programs to meet the requirements of both bills. They include a public outreach program to inform Ontario businesses about the mandates, monitoring the progress of each business, notifying them if they are not in compliance, and reporting to the State.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) oversees both the mandatory commercial recycling program and the mandatory commercial organics recycling program.

We all know that recycling helps protect our environment. Help yourself and the community by recycling. Call (909) 395-2050 to start service now. Or if you need help getting started, call (909) 395-2040 to schedule a free waste assessment from one of the City's recycling experts.