

What is Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)?

A 2008 statewide waste characterization found that nearly 3/4 of the solid waste in California was generated from the commercial sector, with a sizable amount that can be recycled. So to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts, AB 341 was enacted.



Who has to recycle?

- Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards (4.25'L x 6'W x 4.75'H) of commercial solid waste or more per week.
- Multi-family dwellings with 5 or more units.



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DO Recycle...

Only the following items belong in the comingled recycling containers

- Paper and Cardboard
(no food contamination)
- Empty Glass Bottles and Jars
- Empty Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Empty Metal Food Cans
- **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS**

To help with the state's commercial recycling mandate, the City of Merced offers comingled recycling containers. Comingled recycling lets us recycle more than just CRV bottles and cans by recycling paper, glass, metal and some plastics.



How to Recycle:

Below are ways to help meet state mandates to divert solid waste from the general waste stream:

- Self-hauling recyclables to a recycling facility, buyback center, or to the regional landfill.
- A service provider/hauler (such as the City of Merced) that picks up the recyclables.
- A service provider that hauls the material away with the service. Such as a paper shredding service taking the shredded paper with them to be recycled.



DON'T Recycle...

The following items belong in the trash containers

- Plastic Bags, Wrapping/Packaging
- Soiled Paper products, such as pizza boxes or used napkins/plates
- Styrofoam
- Lumber such as Pallets, fence boards or plywood

