

# Business Recycling Laws

## Mandatory Commercial Recycling

State law, AB 341, requires businesses generating 4 cubic yards or more of trash per week to have a recycling program. For more information, visit: [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial).

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## Mandatory Recycling and Organics Containers

State law, AB 827, requires businesses (covered under AB 341 and AB 1826) to have organics and recycling containers available for customers to use to collect material purchased and consumed on their premises. For more information about AB 827, visit: [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/faq](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/faq).

## Senate Bill 1383

Composting organics is now law! Organic material accounts for more than one-third of the waste stream in California. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills, contribute to global climate change. Businesses are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper and yard trimmings for composting. For more information, go to [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).

## Hazardous Waste

Republic Services does not pick up hazardous waste from commercial accounts. The Napa Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in American Canyon does not accept hazardous waste from Benicia. Ponder Environmental and Clean Harbors (both in Benicia) have collection services available. For a list of additional agencies, contact [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com).

## Food Recovery

To reduce food waste and help address food insecurity, SB 1383 requires that by 2025 California will recover 20 percent of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills, to feed people in need. The law directs the following:

- Jurisdictions must establish food recovery programs and strengthen their existing food recovery networks
- Food donors must arrange to recover the maximum amount of their edible food that would otherwise go to landfills
- Food recovery organizations and services that participate in SB 1383 must maintain records



For more information, go to [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) or use this QRCode.

## Technical and Educational Assistance

Want to improve your recycling and/or organics programs? Need to start a program? Employees need training? Republic Services can provide educational material, posters, training, waste assessments, help set up programs, offer suggestions for improvements and answer any questions at no additional cost. Contact Marie Knutson, Sustainability Advisor, [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com) or call 707.694.4570.

## Service Reminder

Lids must close. Overloaded or contaminated containers may not be serviced or may incur additional charges.



**Empty.** Remove any remaining food or liquid.



**Clean.** Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



**Dry.** Shake out excess moisture or air dry.



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# Benicia Commercial Recycling and Organics



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# Landfill



# Recycle



Empty, Clean, and Dry

- No Food
- No Paper
- No Green Waste
- No Recyclable Material
- No Hazardous Waste



- No Liquids
- No Textiles
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam®



Recyclables should be loose (no bags), except shredded paper.

# Compost



Compostable BPI Bags (meets ASTM 6400 Standard), Paper Bags, or No Bags

- No Metal
- No Glass
- No Plastic
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Compostable Utensils Or Cups
- No Pet Waste



Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only. No plastic bags.