

State Law AB 827 Recycling & Food Waste Containers for Customers

Assembly Bill (AB) 827 requires businesses to provide recycling and/or compost receptacles to customers and employees adjacent to trash containers. Each container needs to be clearly marked with educational signage as specified. Restaurants that provide customers access to a trash container will need to provide customers with an organics and recycling container to properly dispose of materials purchased on the premises for immediate consumption. These containers need to be easily accessible and clearly marked with educational signage.

Full-service restaurants are exempt from these requirements. However, full-service restaurants need to provide their employees with a commercial recycling, solid waste and organics bin to properly dispose of leftovers from materials purchased on the premises. Full-service restaurants need to implement a program to collect recyclables and organics. Businesses are free to use their own branded containers; however, containers must be labeled and allow patrons to source-separate their waste in the correct waste stream.



Dumpster Lock Service

Republic Services offers a dumpster lock service for commercial customers that want to lock their trash enclosure or their 2-, 3-, 4- or 6-yard dumpsters. This service has an additional monthly cost of \$104.12 per account.

Electronic Waste

Republic Services accepts small appliances and small electronics from Fairfield businesses signed up for collection service. Customers can bring up to 5 electronic items, and maximum weight limit is 60 lbs. All batteries must be removed from electronic devices. The facility is located at 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield, and is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Monday - Friday.

Hazardous Waste Program for Small Quantity Generators

State law prohibits hazardous waste from being disposed of in the trash and requires that the waste is properly disposed of. Hazardous waste includes adhesives, fertilizers, oil, antifreeze, fuel, paint, batteries, light bulbs, pesticides, cleaners and mercury thinners.

Fairfield businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste can subscribe to the Republic Services Conditionally Exempt Generators Program. This program is an inexpensive disposal option to comply with state laws.

A Small Quantity Generator (SQG) must generate less than 220 pounds or 27 gallons of hazardous waste per month. The estimated fee for disposal is based on your inventory. Call **800.207.8222** to schedule an appointment to have your inventory assessed and to see if your business qualifies as a SQG. Once you have an appointment, and pay the disposal fee, you can drop off hazardous waste on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at the Hazardous Waste Facility located at 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield.

Keep Your Recycling and Organics Containers Free of Contamination

Contamination occurs when materials that cannot be recycled or composted are placed in recycling or organics containers. Contamination also means your business is **non-compliant** with California's mandatory recycling and organics law (**Senate Bill 1383**). To stay in compliance and support a successful recycling and organics program, please follow these guidelines:

Recycling Containers

- Only place **empty and clean** recyclable materials in the recycling container.
- Keep **food, liquids and non-recyclables** out of the recycling stream.

Organics Containers

- Only place **organic materials** in the organics cart.

Do not place plastic bags in recycling or organics containers.

Technical and Educational Assistance

Want to improve your recycling and/or organics programs? Need to start a program? Employees need training about organics and/or recycling? Republic Services can provide educational materials, posters, training and waste assessments; help set up programs; offer suggestions for improvements; and answer any questions at no additional cost.

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Commercial Cart Guidelines

If your commercial business has cart service, please follow these guidelines to ensure safe timely service.

- Place your cart out the evening before your service day, to allow for early morning pickup.
- Always remember to place your carts in the designated area and at least 2 feet apart from each other.
- The lid must be closed to minimize any debris being left behind on the ground.

Resources and Contacts

Republic Services

2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield, CA 94533
 M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
707.437.8900
[RepublicServices.com/municipality/Fairfield-ca](https://www.RepublicServices.com/municipality/Fairfield-ca)

City of Fairfield - Public Works Department

1000 Webster Street, Fairfield, CA 94533
 M-F, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
707.428.7528
[Fairfield.ca.gov/recycling](https://www.Fairfield.ca.gov/recycling)
 (City Hall is closed every other Friday)



Fairfield

2026 Business Customer Service Guide



Sustainability in Action

California Sustainability Laws

California has several laws pertaining to sustainability and solid waste diversion. These laws were implemented to help achieve statewide goals in reducing the amount of materials going to the landfill and to help combat the effects of climate change.

As a result of these laws, the vast majority of businesses within California are required to have recycling and organics collection services. Republic Services is the franchised solid waste provider for the City of Fairfield and can help your business meet these requirements.

Assembly Bill 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Chapter 9.210 of the Fairfield Municipal Code require that businesses have recycling services.

Senate Bill (SB) 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, mandates that businesses have organics service if they produce 10 gallons or more of organic waste per week. SB 1383 also requires businesses to have:

Organics Collection Services: Divert organic waste from the landfill. This can be met by subscribing to organics collection service via Republic Services or by arranging for organic waste to be self-hauled and taken to permitted organic waste facilities.

Containers: Provide collection containers for organic waste and recyclable materials to employees, contractors, tenants and customers. Containers must meet standardized color requirements: gray or black for waste, blue for recycling and green for organics. Containers must have labels with graphic images to indicate acceptable and unacceptable materials.

Education: Annually provide educational information about the legal requirements to compost and recycle, including how to properly sort between the three waste streams. Businesses must provide information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises about the proper sorting of organic materials and recyclables.

Monitoring: Businesses must periodically inspect organic waste carts for contamination, inform employees if carts are contaminated and instruct employees about how to properly sort material into the correct carts.

Landscaping: Require that any contract or work agreement between your business and a landscaping/gardener service specify that the yard waste be diverted from the landfill.

Organics

Paper bags/compostable bags certified by BPI

Food Scraps

Fruit, vegetables, bones, dairy products, eggshells, fish, meat, grains, baked goods, coffee grounds

Food-Soiled Paper

Pizza boxes, non-coated paper plates, napkins

Yard Waste

Plant trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds



Service Size



65-gal.

Recycling

Ensure items are empty, clean and dry.
Do NOT bag recyclables.

Paper

Office paper, newspaper, envelopes, junk mail, phone books, brochures, magazines, catalogs

Cardboard

File folders, poster board, shipping boxes

Plastics

Water and soda bottles, takeout containers

Glass

Bottles (clear, green and brown), jars

Metal

Aluminum beverage cans, food cans, steel food containers



Service Size



2-, 3-, 4-, 6-yard



65-gal.

Landfill

Plastic bags or film
Plastic utensils
Styrofoam™

Snack wrappers
Broken dishware
Other trash



Service Size



2-, 3-, 4-, 6-yard



35-gal., 65-gal., 95-gal.

⊗ No: Plastic bags, bamboo, dead animals, dirt, rocks, sand, lawn sod, manure or pet waste, construction materials, wood (coated or painted), wood from construction projects, electronic waste, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, tires, used motor oil/filters, recyclable materials

⊗ No: Plastic bags, batteries, construction materials, fluorescent bulbs, electronic waste, clothing, shoes, ceramics, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, tires, used motor oil/filters, yard debris, food waste, food-soiled paper

⊗ No: Batteries, construction materials, fluorescent bulbs, electronic waste, hazardous waste, hot ashes, medicines, needles and medical sharps, tires, used motor oil/filters, yard debris, food waste, food-soiled paper, recyclable materials