

What Can Be Recycled?



- Aluminum
- Tin
- Glass
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Newspapers
- Junk Mail
- All plastic jugs, bottles & containers marked #1 through #7 or labeled "CA Redemption Value"

No hazardous waste should be placed in the trash or recycle bin!

Enforcement

Did you know that scavenging is illegal in the City of Lakewood? If you see someone going through a trash or recycling bin, please call the Sheriff at (562) 623-3500 to report scavenging in progress.

EDCO Disposal, the City's exclusive trash hauler has the right all trash, recycling and construction and demolition waste. Please call the Public Works Department if you have any questions.

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As a business leader, your participation is critical to achieving the waste diversion goals set for our community. Beyond helping attain goals mandated by state law, there are tangible benefits in adopting waste reduction/recycling programs. Contact the Public Works Department to learn how your business can benefit from recycling.



City of Lakewood

For more information or assistance, please call the City of Lakewood's Public Works Department (562) 866-9771 extension 2500.

**City of
Lakewood**

**Guide
To**

**Commercial
Business
Recycling**



**What
Businesses
Need to
Know!**

State Law Requires Commercial Businesses to Recycle

California's businesses generate nearly three-fourths of the solid waste in the state, most of which could be recycled. In addition, the production, use and disposal of manufactured goods generate significant greenhouse gases. Increased recycling will contribute to environmental protection, save energy resources and reduce greenhouse gases.



Effective July 1, 2012, new State legislation (AB 341) mandates

Recycling Saves Money!

that businesses recycle if they generate four (4) cubic yards or more of waste per week.

Under AB 341, businesses shall take one or any combination of the following actions to reuse, recycle, compost, or otherwise divert commercial solid waste from the landfill:

- Self-haul to a local recycling center
- Subscribe to service by a hauler*
- Arrange for pick-up of recyclables

*Verification and License by City is required



Why Recycle?

- It conserves natural resources & landfill space.
- It **saves you money** by reducing the amount you throw into the garbage bin.
- It is required under AB341
- It protects the environment.

Business Recycling FAQs

Q: Does my business have to recycle?

A: If your business generates four (4) or more cubic yards of trash per week, then yes, you must recycle according to AB 341.

Q: How can recycling benefit my business?

A: Recycling may allow you to decrease your garbage service, which often costs more than recycling. It can also improve your public image and helps the environment.

Q: How do I know how much garbage my business generates?

A: The total amount depends on the size of your garbage dumpster and frequency of pickup. To find out this information contact EDCO Disposal at (562) 531-3054.

Q: My business is located in a shopping center. Who is responsible for recycling, me or the shopping center?

A: Recycling activities are the responsibility of whoever pays for garbage collection. If you receive a bill from EDCO Disposal, then you will be responsible for setting up a recycling program at your business.

Q: What if I lease or rent out commercial property??

A: If your business generates four (4) or more cubic yards of waste per week, then the property owner will be required to have tenants to separate waste and recyclables.

Q: Who should I contact if I need more information or have questions?

A: The City Public Works Department is ready to help you and your business get started recycling, or even improve an existing program. Please call (562) 866-9771 ext. 2500 for assistance.

Where Do I Start?

1. Examine your trash for recyclables (mixed paper and cardboard and recyclable containers)
2. Call EDCO Disposal at (562) 531-3054 on how to begin or expand recycling and save your business money.
3. Understand that Zero Waste is the new competitive business model. Your company can save money by Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.

