



# Mandatory Recycling

## Commercial & Multi-Family Customers

California Regulations  
(AB 341 & AB 1826)  
Require that Businesses  
and Multi-Family  
Complexes with 5  
or more units must  
sort **Recyclables**  
and **Organic materials**  
out of their garbage.



### Are You Compliant?

Information on legislation related to solid waste and recycling in California is available online at the CalRecycle website: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/>.



### We Can Help!

Contact ACI of San Ramon for help starting or improving your **RECYCLABLES** and/or **ORGANICS** collection program. Our representatives are available to:

- Visit your business or multi-family complex to conduct waste assessments.
- Make service suggestions.
- Help train staff and/or tenants.
- Provide posters and service guides.
- **Commercial customers:** internal collection containers are available for a fee.
- **Multi-family customers:** recycling tote bags and kitchen pails are available at no additional charge.

## Contact us

Improve or start your **Recyclables** and **Organics** collection program today!

voice - 925-380-9480

email - [info@AlamedaCountyIndustries.com](mailto:info@AlamedaCountyIndustries.com)

website - [www.SanRamonRecycles.com](http://www.SanRamonRecycles.com)

### Proper Sorting Makes a Difference!

Use the correct carts and/or bins to sort your waste for:

- compliance with California regulations.
- a reduction in the amount of material going to the landfill.
- a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.



**BLUE = RECYCLABLES**



**GREEN = ORGANICS**



**GRAY = GARBAGE**

# AB 1826 Mandatory Organics Recycling

By the numbers. For **BUSINESSES** and **MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES WITH 5 OR MORE UNITS**:

JANUARY 1, 2016

**MANDATORY  
ORGANICS  
RECYCLING  
PROGRAM\*  
IMPLEMENTED.**

APRIL 1, 2016

If you  
generate:



you are required to  
have an organics  
recycling program  
in place.

JANUARY 1, 2017

If you  
generate:



you are required to  
have an organics  
recycling program  
in place.

JANUARY 1, 2019

If you  
generate:



you are required to  
have an organics  
recycling program  
in place.

SUMMER/FALL 2021

If you  
generate:



you are required to  
have an organics  
recycling program  
in place.

\*This law requires that on and after January 1, 2016, local jurisdictions across the state **implement an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste** generated by businesses, including multi-family residential dwellings with five or more units.

## What Belongs in the Green ORGANICS/COMPOST Cart or Bin

*Keep the stream clean! Proper sorting makes a difference!*

### FOOD SCRAPS All fresh, frozen, cooked or moldy food:

- Fruits & vegetables (including peels, pits & rinds)
- Bread, rice, pasta & other grains
- Dairy products
- Eggs & egg shells
- Coffee grounds & tea leaves
- Meat & bones

### FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Paper plates, cups, napkins & towels
- Coffee filters & paper tea bags
- Milk & juice cartons (not lined with foil)
- Paper bags & newspaper (used to contain/wrap food scraps)
- Paper takeout containers
- Pizza boxes (food-soiled)
- Wax paper & wax-coated boxes

### PLANTS, YARD TRIMMINGS & CLEAN WOOD

- Flowers, plants, grass clippings, leaves & weeds
- Small branches (less than 6" in diameter and 3 feet in length)
- Clean dimensional lumber (less than 3 feet in length - no paint, varnish, treatments, coatings or stains)
- Wooden chopsticks



Compostable, paper, or clear plastic bags permitted.  
No black or white plastic bags. A list of certified  
compostable bags can be found at: [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org).



**PLEASE REMEMBER, NO: RECYCLABLES, METAL,  
GLASS, GARBAGE, STYROFOAM®, DIAPERS,  
PET WASTE, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS,  
DIRT, BRICK, CONCRETE, NEEDLES/SHARPS  
OR HAZARDOUS WASTE: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/HHW](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/HHW)**

