

Zero IN Vacaville Dixon

Recology Solutions for AB 1826



AB 1826 is now in effect and **Recology** offers easy solutions for compliance. As of January 1, 2017, businesses generating four or more cubic yards of organic waste must comply with the regulation.

Recology provides the services needed for our commercial customers to comply with Assembly Bill 1826. This law requires commercial customers who generate the quantities of organic waste specified by the legislation to have a compost program in place to recycle organics. Previously, these regulations only applied to customers who generated eight or more cubic yards of organic waste. As of January 1, 2017, customers generating four or more cubic yards must comply.

Fortunately, **Recology** is ready to help with these regulations and others. Assembly Bill 341 is a related regulation that is in effect and mandates that businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of trash per week must subscribe to recycling service. Multi-family residential properties with five or more units must also subscribe.

Implementing a recycling program that complies to all regulations is easy for **Recology** customers. **Recology** has recycling experts who will work with you to custom design a commercial recycling program that works best for your business.

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Contact **Recology** now to get your recycling programs up and running smoothly. We have solutions and are ready to help!

What Can and **Cannot** be Recycled

Recology Vacaville Solano and Dixon's composting programs satisfy the requirements of AB 1826. Commercial customers who generate organic waste are now able to place an expanded number of items out for collection. Listed below are the acceptable and **unacceptable** materials for the compostable program.

Acceptable Compostables

Green Waste: branches (no larger than 3" in diameter), brush, floral trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, weeds.

Food Waste: bones, breads, eggshells, fruits, meat, poultry, rice, seafood, shellfish, vegetables.

Organics: coffee grounds & filters, napkins, paper milk cartons, paper tea bags (not nylon or synthetic tea bags), paper towels & plates, pizza boxes, untreated wood (including chopsticks).

Unacceptable Materials

Ashes; bio-degradable plastics; construction & demolition waste; cornstarch items; dirt, rock & concrete; garbage; pet & human excrement; food service gloves; Styrofoam and packing peanuts.

Assembly Bill 1826

- Adopted September 28, 2014.
- On and after April 1, 2016, businesses that generate 8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2017, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2019, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- Returning organic materials to soils reduces greenhouse gases and conserves landfill space.
- Food is the largest single source (15.5%) of all waste in California.
- More than six million tons of food products are discarded in California landfills every year.
- The **Recology** compost facility has been converting food waste and green waste into rich organic compost for years.

learn more at calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/

Updates and Awards



The **Recology Hay Road Landfill** was recognized as a finalist for the Solano County Innovator of the Year Award. **Recology** placed 80 landfill gas wells to collect the methane and carbon dioxide created by landfill materials. The collected landfill gas is converted to power in a gas-to-electricity power plant. This innovative bio-fuel generates 1.6 megawatts of electricity from the renewable energy that is enough to power 1,600 homes for a year. Conversion of the landfill gas also prevents it from escaping into the atmosphere.

Recology was recognized for leading the industry in transforming landfill materials into renewable energy. The methods used by **Recology** to harness the energy serves as a model for other landfills in the nation.

Golf To Help Veterans



It's time to gather your foursomes to compete for the **Recology** trophy at the Sixth Annual **Recology** Invitational Golf Tournament. The tournament will be Saturday, June 24, at the Rancho Solano Golf Course and is open to all golfers. All proceeds from the tournament will be used to help build a

permanent home for Veterans in Dixon. Contact Julia Lopez at 707-695-2724 to register your team or to get more information.

Gabriel ROCKs

Route Driver Gabriel Jimenez was selected as the **Recology Owners Commitment (ROC) Star** for **Recology Vacaville Solano and Recology Dixon**. Gabriel was nominated for his delivery of daily excellence in his work.



Gabriel Jimenez

"**Recology** is a company that values hard work and responsibility," says Gabriel. "These are the same values that my parents taught me and the ones I am teaching my children."

Gabriel has worked for **Recology** for 15 years. During that time he and his family participate in the many **Recology** community events. Gabriel even rallied his fellow employees to adopt a family on his route that was facing hard times at Christmas time.



The **Recology** Drill Team celebrates our 21st year performing at the Dixon May Fair on May 13 and the Vacaville Fiesta Days on May 27. Come out and help us celebrate as our Drill Team performs intricate routines while our vintage garbage truck filled with employees, family, and friends follows.

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