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## CURRENT RECYCLING LAWS

### for California Businesses

From curbing short-lived climate pollutants through organics recycling requirements to reducing single-use plastics in the restaurant industry – California is leading the way in recycling legislation. Here are some important recycling laws that apply to California businesses:

- › **AB 1276:** Single Use Plastics Reduction (June 1, 2022): In addition to California's ban on single-use plastic straws, AB 1276 addresses the distribution of single-use food accessories and standard condiments such as utensils, cups, packets, straws, and stirrers. As of June 1, 2022, California law requires certain businesses to provide single-use food accessories to consumers only upon request, as well as limits third party delivery of single-use accessories unless specifically requested by the consumer.
- › **SB 1383:** Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Bill (January 1, 2022): Considered California's most ambitious recycling law in decades, SB 1383 requires all businesses in California to recycle their organic waste beginning January 1, 2022. Additional requirements for edible food recovery apply to larger, commercial food generators. SB 1383 also includes requirements for business owners to provide annual education and training to employees on proper sorting of waste.
- › **AB 827:** Customer Access to Recycling (July 1, 2020): Intended to educate and involve customers in achieving the State's recycling goals, AB 827 requires businesses to provide easily accessible recycling and/or organics collection bins in customer areas to collect materials generated from products purchased on the premises starting July 1, 2020. All commercial food service establishments that provide food for purchase and immediate consumption on site are required to comply with AB 827, with exceptions made for full-service restaurants.

For more information about these laws, visit [vacavillerecycling.com/crl](http://vacavillerecycling.com/crl)



## TOOLS & RESOURCES

*We've Got You Covered!*

## BIN LABELS & SORTING POSTERS

Bin labels and sorting posters in English, Spanish, and Tagalog are available to commercial customers at no cost. To request your posters and sorting labels, contact the City of Vacaville Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507 or email [recycling@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:recycling@cityofvacaville.com).



## NEW! Commercial Waste Service & Recycling Guide

*– Coming early  
2023*



There's more to your waste collection service than you might think. The Commercial Waste Service & Recycling Guide is our newest resource for businesses to learn more about additional services provided by Recology

Vacaville Solano. Keep an eye out for your Commercial Waste Service & Recycling Guide arriving in mailboxes in early 2023.

# KNOW WHAT TO THROW

## What CAN go in your gray bin:

- ✓ Municipal solid waste
- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Broken glass & dishware
- ✓ Wrappers, chip bags, & plastic film
- ✓ Styrofoam
- ✓ Gloves and masks



## What CANNOT go in your gray bin:



✗ Recyclable materials – Paper, plastics #1-7, glass bottles, metal, and organic materials



✗ Electronic & universal waste – TVs, computers, cell phones, batteries, calculators, printers, fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers



✗ Hazardous waste – Paint, nonempty aerosol or solvent cans, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, flammables, poisons, acids/bases, fuel canisters/tanks, motor oil

✗ Building & automotive waste – Asbestos, treated wood, antifreeze, tires

✗ Medical waste – Needles and sharps, biohazardous waste

**TIP**

If you aren't sure how to dispose of an item, visit [WhatBin.com](http://WhatBin.com) to find out.



# BIG BENEFITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

## Complimentary Waste Assessments

### What is a Waste Assessment?

A waste assessment is a simple assessment of the type and quantities of waste that a business generates. It can help you determine which materials can be recycled, how many collection containers will be necessary, and how frequently they should be serviced.

### Why Do a Waste Assessment?

Not all businesses are the same. The amount of waste and recyclables produced is impacted by variables that differ from one business to the next. You need to examine your own waste stream before adopting new recycling programs to assure a good fit with your business. Most importantly, a waste assessment can help identify opportunities to save money on your service bill by right-sizing your service.

### What to Expect During a Waste Assessment:

The specific elements of your waste assessment will depend on the type of business or residential property you have. A typical waste assessment will include:

- A site visit to discuss sustainability goals and identify potential space requirements or constraints;
- An audit of your waste stream to suggest bin sizing and reduce costs;
- Customized service options and equipment recommendations; and
- Educational materials and training – all at no additional cost.

### Requesting a Waste Assessment:

Representatives from Recology Vacaville Solano and the City of Vacaville are available to help you. To schedule a **FREE** waste assessment, simply call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945, or the City of Vacaville's Solid Waste and Recycling Office at (707) 469-6507.

