

# RECYCLING & WASTE NEWS

*Recycling and Waste Disposal Information for the Central Valley*

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## California's Recycling Law—AB 341

*State of California's goal is to achieve 75% recycling*

The California state legislature passed a law in 2011, **AB 341**, mandating recycling for all businesses and organizations with the goal of recycling 75% of all waste by 2020. According to CalRecycle, the state's agency appointed to manage California's recycling: "To reach the goal, an additional 23 million tons will need to be recycled, reduced or composted in 2020. That is based on an estimated 80 million tons of solid waste generated in 2020."\* The agency also cites a 2008 statewide waste characterization data as evidence that "the commercial sector generates nearly three-fourths of the solid waste in California. Most of the material disposed from this sector is readily recyclable."\*

### *Why Recycle?*

AB 341 requires all businesses that generate four or more cubic yards of waste weekly to recycle. By preventing trash from being disposed of in landfills, where harmful gases produced by decomposing trash are released into the environment, recycling contributes to cleaner air, soil, and ground water.



It's easy to recycle. Make sure your business has arranged for recycling services and separate recyclable items from trash inside your business. Have a recycle container everywhere you have a trash container.

*Here are some typical items that can be placed in your recycling containers:*

Aluminum Cans

Cardboard and chipboard

Clean, dry paper

Glass bottles and jars

Metal containers and empty aerosol cans

Plastic bottles and containers

Small electrical appliances with a cord

If you have questions about what items can go into your recycling container, go to the IWS website, [www.CagliaEnvironmental.com](http://www.CagliaEnvironmental.com), for recycling educational information. You can also call the Caglia Environmental educational outreach office at 559-233-1158.

\*Source: CalRecycle

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