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## **CALIFORNIA MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING LAW – ASSEMBLY BILL 341**

### **What is Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341)?**

AB 341 is a California Assembly Bill and is commonly referred to as the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law. It is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste from landfills and expands recycling opportunities in California. It also sets a 75% waste recycling goal for the State by 2020.

### **When does it go into effect?**

AB 341 is effective on July 1 of 2012.

### **What are the requirements?**

- **Vernon Business and Multifamily Complexes:**  
Businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, and multi-family complexes of 5 units or more are required to divert their solid waste from disposal via one or any combination of: self haul; subscribe to a hauler(s), arrange pick up for recyclables, and/or subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed-waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation.
- **City of Vernon:**  
The City is required to implement a Mandatory Commercial Recycling Program that consists of education, outreach, and monitoring of recycling efforts within the City of Vernon.

### **Where to go for additional information:**

- Contact your hauler/recyclers to learn more about their diversion programs and services.

#### ***For more general information:***

- Visit California Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle) website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>
- Bill: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab\\_0301-0350/ab\\_341\\_bill\\_20111006\\_chaptered.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0301-0350/ab_341_bill_20111006_chaptered.html)
- Introduction/background: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/>
- Frequently asked questions: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ.htm>
- CA 75% recycling initiatives: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/75percent/>