

City of Ridgecrest

Commercial Recycling News
Spring 2024



Recycling and Organics Regulations for Businesses and Multifamily Properties

Recycling Law	Requirements for Businesses and Multifamily Properties
AB 341 - Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR)	Requires businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, or a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more, to recycle bottles, cans, paper, glass, and cardboard.
AB 1826 - Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe)	Requires businesses that generate more than two cubic yards of solid waste (trash and recycling) per week, must have an organic waste diversion program in place. Multifamily properties of five units or more must recycle yard waste but are not required to recycle food waste.
SB 1383 - Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction (SLCP)	Requires all businesses and multifamily properties that generate solid waste to subscribe and participate in the City of Ridgecrest's three container waste collection system for organic waste, recyclables, and trash.

How to Establish a Successful Recycling and Organics Program

- 1. Confirm you have service.** WM offers free onsite or virtual visits, assessments, and technical assistance. Let our trained staff help you set up your programs and determine the correct container sizes and service levels to maximize diversion, ensure compliance and be cost-effective.
- 2. Train and educate employees, tenants, residents, and customers to properly sort all waste.** WM can provide education and resources like proper container setup and signage to ensure materials are disposed of properly.
- 3. Sort waste into proper containers.** AB 827 regulations require businesses to provide "front of the house" recycling and/or organics containers and informational signage for customers, visitors, and employees to collect recyclables and organic waste from products purchased on the premises. Materials should go into the correct containers to avoid contamination.



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City of Ridgecrest - Commercial Generator Waiver Program

The City of Ridgecrest is offering three types of waivers for qualifying businesses and multifamily properties for alternative service, lack of generation or physical space constraints. Your business or multifamily complex may qualify for a waiver from the mandatory programs.

For more information, or to apply, contact Ashley Sparks at (661) 749-3762 or acrowsp@wm.com. Please visit the City of Ridgecrest's website at www.ridgecrest-ca.gov/waste

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day for that week only.

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

What Goes Where: A Quick Reference to Your Waste and Recycling Containers

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Coffee Filters



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Shredded Paper



Egg Cartons & Shells

Do Not Include:

Serveware/Utensils, Plastic Containers, Foam Containers, Hazardous Waste, Fats, Oils, or Greases, Diapers or Pet Waste

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Do Not Include:

Food or Liquids, Plastic Bags or Film, Foam Containers, Clothing, Furniture or Carpet, Batteries, Electronics, Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups & Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles

Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables, Electronics, Batteries, Tires or Paint, Flammable Material, Needles



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