

MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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- To: Businesses and Multi-Family developments within Mono County
- From: Tony Dublino, Solid Waste Superintendent
- Re: State Recycling Requirements for Businesses and Multi-Family Communities

As of July 1, 2012, State law requires the following businesses to arrange for recycling services:

- Any business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week; and
- Multi-family communities with five or more units.

How to Arrange for Recycling Services

• Businesses that meet the threshold must provide recycling containers at their place of business, and either arrange to have the recyclables collected, or self-haul the containers to one of many recycling facilities within the County.

Mono County is exploring the possibility of creating an exemption for seasonally operated businesses that may generate 4 cubic yards of waste during peak weeks but generate much less during the slow season. This proposal will require approval from the state.

Opportunities to Save Money by Recycling

In Mono County, the primary economic reason to recycle is because recycling is accepted at the landfill and transfer stations for free, which can dramatically lower waste disposal fees.

Opportunities to Save Resources and Help the Environment

Recycling conserves resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. It extends the life of our landfills and helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

Be Sure to Educate Your Employees

Employees are key to a successful business recycling program. Please make sure your employees know which materials can be recycled and where to place the recyclable materials for temporary storage and ultimate collection.

Where to Go for More Information

• Additional information about local commercial recycling is available at the Public Works web page, at:

http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/departments/public_works/RecyclingLocationsInformation.html

- Information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/default.htm.
- Information about business recycling is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at <u>www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Business/</u>.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (760) 932-5453.

Sincerely,

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