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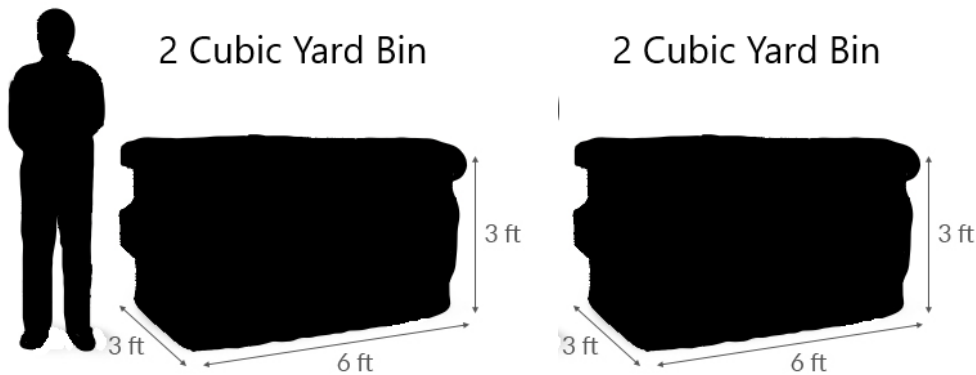
Mandatory Commercial Recycling

State Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826, effective 2016) requires any organization, nonprofit, government agency, school, shopping center, or multifamily dwelling with five (5) or more units that subscribe to a combination of solid waste and recycling services of 2 cubic yards or more per week to recycle their organic wastes. As of July 1, 2020, AB 827* added the requirement that any entity covered by AB 1826 must provide organics recycling bins by each trash bin where customers have access. Bins must include signage to prevent contamination. Exceptions are bathrooms and full-service restaurants.

State Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341, effective 2012) requires any organization, nonprofit, government agency, school, shopping center, or multifamily dwelling with five (5) or more units that subscribe to solid waste disposal service of 4 cubic yards or more per week, must also subscribe to a recycling service or self-haul recyclable materials. Effective July 1, 2020, AB 827* added to AB 341 the requirement that any covered entity must also provide a corresponding recycling bin by each trash bin where customers have access. Bins must include signage to prevent contamination. Exceptions are bathrooms and full-service restaurants.

***AB 827 (effective 2020)** businesses that must comply with the AB 827 component of either recycling bill are recommended to use blue containers for traditional recyclables and green containers for organics as these colors are in alignment with State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383, effective 2022).

What does 4 cubic yards look like?



One cubic yard equals 3' x 3' x 3'.

Ways to comply

Your organization may meet the recycling requirements through a combination of the following methods:

- Subscribe to traditional recycling services through your local franchise hauler.
- Subscribe to gardening services that recycles your greenwaste and self-certify compliance.
- Self-haul recyclables and self-certify compliance.
- Participate in an Edible Food Recovery program and self-certify compliance.
- Participate in a food waste recycling program through your franchise hauler.

How can we help?

Kern County Public Works has sent this letter to your organization because you have one or more locations in unincorporated Kern County, and therefore fall into our jurisdiction. One of our goals is to meet the needs of our residents and covered entities. Here are a few ways we can help:

- Provide model signage for your recycling bins.
- For those recycling through means other than trash hauler services, Kern County Public Works provides a place to self-certify here: www.KernPublicWorks.com.
 - Please note that any entity wishing to self-certify must do so each year.
- In-person waste audits. Kern County Public Works will send out a staff member to your organization and evaluate your waste and make recommendations. This can also be used to verify possible exemption.

For more information, please visit our website at www.KernPublicWorks.com.

