

CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



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Re: Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Organics Recycling

Dear Valued Business Owner/Commercial Property Owner:

This letter is to remind you that the State of California has mandated¹ that all businesses, commercial properties, and multi-family residential properties² are required to subscribe to recycling service to divert recyclable materials, such as plastic, metal, glass, and paper. Additionally, properties that generate at least 2 cubic yards per week of organic waste are required to sign up for organic recycling service. Organics include items such as food waste and associated food-soiled paper, green waste and landscape trimmings, and non-hazardous (untreated) wood waste. These regulations aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also addressing capacity issues for solid waste disposal. The City of Carpinteria (City) has been tasked through the regulations to ensure that mandatory recycling is implemented across the commercial sector. Businesses and commercial properties must subscribe to recycling services with the City's approved waste hauler; the hauler, in turn, must provide the bins and other services needed for the collection of recyclables and organics.

Businesses in the City are serviced by EJ Harrison & Sons.. If your company is using a waste hauler other than the one permitted by the City for regular waste handling services, you must cease using that hauler. Businesses may self-haul materials, but are required to report that information to the City. The program requirements and associated forms are available on the City's website at <https://bit.ly/3jjbfmY> under Organics, or upon request.

These policies are intended to help reach the local goal of diverting 65% all waste generated in the City from landfills, and to demonstrate compliance with the State's regulations. Haulers are required to demonstrate compliance through documentation of their programs and providing quarterly reports to the City.

Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 805-880-3415 or erinm@ci.carpinteria.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Erin Maker
Environmental Program Manager

¹ Assembly Bills 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Assembly Bill 1826 Mandatory Recycling of Organic Waste

² Multi-family apartments and condominiums with five units or more must comply.