

City of Arcadia

Commercial Waste and Recycling Service Guide



WM proudly offers commercial waste and recycling services in Arcadia. We can assess your waste generation needs to ensure compliance with California's mandatory recycling laws.

Recycling Law	Requirements for Businesses and Multi-family Properties
Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)	AB 341 requires commercial businesses and public entities that generate four (4) or more cubic yards per week of solid waste (trash), and multi-family housing complexes with five (5) or more units to have a recycling program in place.
Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826)	AB 1826 requires businesses and multi-family housing complexes with five (5) or more units that generate two cubic yards of solid waste per week to have an organic waste recycling program.
Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Organics Bins (AB 827)	AB 827 requires businesses subject to AB 341 and AB 1826 to provide in-house recycling and organics containers (along with trash) to collect waste generated from products purchased and consumed on the premises. Containers must be labeled trash, recyclables, and organics.
Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection (SB 1383)	<p>SB 1383 requires ALL commercial businesses and multi-family complexes to have a recycling and organic waste program in place. It also mandates that large food-generating businesses and organizations hold contracts with food recovery organizations or services to recover the maximum amount of their surplus edible food as possible.</p> <p>*If your business lacks sufficient space or disposes of less than 20 gallons of organic waste per week, you may qualify for an Organic Waste Recycling waiver.</p>

Place Organics, Recycling and Trash containers together with proper signage so everyone places the right materials in the right container.

What Goes in the Organics Container:



FOOD WASTE AND FOOD SOILED PAPER



YARD WASTE & TRIMMINGS



PRODUCE



MEAT, FISH & POULTRY



BREAD, PASTA, RICE, GRAINS, COFFEE
GROUNDS AND FOOD SOILED PAPER



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DO NOT INCLUDE:

- LIQUIDS
- PLASTIC OR COMPOSTABLE BAGS
- SERVEWARE/UTENSILS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- FOAM CONTAINERS
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- PET WASTE
- PALM FRONDS



Place organics materials directly into your organics container or a paper-based bag.

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS



GLASS BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



UNWAXED FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS



PAPER



FLATTENED CARDBOARD & PAPERBOARD

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS
- FOAM CONTAINERS
- CLOTHING, FURNITURE OR CARPET
- HAZARDOUS WASTE



Place CLEAN and DRY recyclables directly into your recycling container. *Don't bag your recyclables.*

What Goes in the Trash Container:



GARDEN HOSE



BROKEN CERAMIC DISHES & POTS



CANDY, SNACK & FOOD WRAPPERS



CHIP BAGS



FOAM CONTAINERS



DIAPERS

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- ELECTRONICS
- BATTERIES, TIRES OR PAINT
- FLAMMABLE MATERIAL



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How to Establish a Successful Recycling and Organics Program

1. Make sure you have the proper level of service.

WM offers free onsite or virtual visits, assessments, and technical assistance. Let our trained staff determine the correct container sizes and service levels to maximize diversion, ensure compliance, and be cost-effective. To request a service assessment or waiver (for commercial businesses only), please contact WM's Recycling Representative, Donald Taylor-Stewart, at (626) 252-1062 or dtaylo34@wm.com.

2. Train and educate employees, tenants, residents, and customers to properly sort all waste.

WM can provide education and resources, such as proper container setup and signage, to ensure proper material disposal.

3. Sort waste into proper containers.

Materials should be placed in the correct container to avoid contamination. The "What Goes Where" chart above offers a visual guide that can be posted near your containers for quick and easy reference. Visit business.wm.com/arcadia for more information.