



*****IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION*****
STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECYCLING LAWS
(AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827)
September 22, 2020

Dear Business Owner or Manager:

The City of Brea recognizes that the COVID-19 global pandemic is affecting our families, businesses, community and way of life. We understand that these might be very difficult times for some businesses while for others it might be a time of growth. During this uniquely challenging time, we want you to know – we're here as a resource.

Especially now with the change in working situations, life routines, etc. there have been dramatic changes to the amount, and types, of solid waste being produced. The commercial sector generates nearly 75% of the solid waste in California and diverting recyclable materials from the landfill will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and decrease outdoor air pollution. To increase recovery of these recyclable materials, **California has passed several pieces of legislation (AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827) that require businesses and multi-family complexes (of 5 or more units) to have a recycling program, including organics recycling.** The City of Brea (City) is required to inform businesses and multi-family complexes about the recycling requirement, track the level of recycling within the City and report each year to the State on the success of these programs. Republic Services, the City's waste hauler, works along with the City to identify, educate and assist businesses and multi-family complexes subject to the above-mentioned laws, and help them establish compliance.

Based on your current waste production, your business or multi-family complex located in the City of Brea is required to comply with one or more of California's Mandatory Recycling laws and the City would like to help facilitate compliance with as little impact to your business as possible. In many cases, recycling programs can save you money so now may be the time to determine the best recycling program for your operation and possibly reduce your trash bill!

Information on the Laws

- **AB 341** This law requires all businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week, and multi-family complexes of five units or more to have a recycling program. To learn more about AB341 online, visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial>
- **AB 1826** This law requires all businesses that generate a certain amount of waste and multi-family complexes (of 5 or more units) to develop a program to recycle organic waste instead of sending it to the landfill. Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and nonhazardous wood waste. Currently, multi-family complexes must arrange to recycle all organics except food waste. Republic Services now offers a Food Scrap service with several options for containers and service. To learn more about AB1826 online, visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics>

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- **AB 827** Those businesses subject to AB341/AB1826 (and sell products meant for immediate consumption), must make recycling and/or organic recycling bins available to customers. However, due to the current COVID-19 emergency, if businesses are not allowed to have customers consume products onsite, then the businesses do not currently need to have the appropriate containers and signage for their customers to use. When customers are allowed to consume products onsite again, then businesses will need to have the containers and signage. To learn more about AB827 online, visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/faq> (hit CTRL+F and enter "827" in the field).

What to Do Next

Republic Services offers a variety of options to help get you started or expand your existing program. From comingled recycling to food waste collection, Republic Services can help you find a solution to meet your needs while being sensitive to the financial situation in which COVID-19 has placed many businesses. Remember, your business or multi-family complex is responsible for complying with the requirements of these state laws but we want to make sure you have as many resources on hand as possible, and encourage you to reach out to us at the City. **To sign up for commercial recycling, contact Republic Customer Service (714) 238-2444. For more information or to sign up for food waste collection, contact the City of Brea Public Works Department at (714) 990-7645.**

There are various compliance options available to a business as listed on the attached forms (Form A for AB341-commercial recycling (general recycling) and Form B for AB1826-organics recycling). Please feel free to contact the City of Brea Public Works Department (714) 990-7645 if you have any questions on any of those options or the forms. **Please complete and return the self-certification forms included with this letter documenting indicating which options you are participating in within 60 days of this notice.** Your completed forms will enable us to report back to the State agency (CalRecycle) that your business has taken the required action and is in compliance, or in the process of compliance, with the laws.

Please mail, or email, self-certification forms to:

**City of Brea
Public Works Department
Attn: Recycling Coordinator
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821**

OR

recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net

Thank you and we wish everyone the best of health,



Tony Olmos, P.E.
Public Works Director

FORM A: COMMERCIAL RECYCLING



Self-Certification Form for Compliance with *Commercial Recycling Law AB 341*

Business Name	
Business Address	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
E-mail	

I hereby certify that the business listed above is participating in the following (check all that apply):

My business currently contracts for recycling service with Republic Services, the City’s exclusive solid waste hauler (you have a separate bin for recycling). *Note: This information will be verified by Republic Services

My business just signed up for recycling service with Republic Services, the City’s exclusive solid waste hauler, and service will begin on the following date: _____.

My business separates recyclables from our trash to donate, sell, or self-haul to a recycling center
*Note: Your business is required to maintain recycling tickets for proof of self-haul on file that may be requested for inspection by the State or City.

My business uses a free recycling service other than Republic Services.
*Note: Your business is required to maintain records on file that may be inspected by the State or City.

There are **no** recycling services at my business. My business is **not** currently recycling.
Please explain why: _____

By signing below, you are certifying that the information above is true and accurate. If applicable, a follow-up inspection and/or request of your business records on file pertaining to commercial recycling may be conducted by the State governing agency (CalRecycle) or its designee at any time to verify compliance.

“I certify under penalty of law that, based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons(s) directly responsible for gathering the information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted herein is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for knowingly submitting false information.”

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FORM B: ORGANICS RECYCLING



Self-Certification Form for Compliance with *Organics Recycling Law AB 1826*

Business Name	
Business Address	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
E-mail	

I hereby certify that the business listed above is participating in the following:

- Organic materials generated at my business include (check all that apply):
 - Pre-consumer food scraps (i.e., vegetable trimmings, spoiled produce, etc.)
 - Post-consumer food scraps (i.e., plate scrapings, employee/customer discarded food)
 - Wood waste
 - Landscaping/green waste
 - Other – please describe: _____
- What is the status of your food scraps/organics recycling program? (DOES NOT APPLY TO MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES)
 - A. Active:** Our business **currently** diverts organics/food scraps from the landfill via one of the following methods:
 - Republic Services collects and recycles our organics/food scraps (i.e. we have a food scrap recycling container serviced by Republic Services).
 - Food Donation – We participate in edible food recovery by donating to a food bank/pantry.
Food Bank/Pantry Name: _____ City _____ Phone _____
 - Self-hauling: Organic waste is taken to a central location for composting, recycling, and/or used for animal feed.
Facility Name: _____ City _____ Phone _____
 - Another vendor collects and recycles food waste (i.e., agricultural reuse).
Vendor Name: _____ City _____ Phone _____
 - Other (e.g., onsite processing or composting – please describe).

 - B. Pending:** Our business **will be** implementing an organics/food scraps diversion program through Republic Services
 - C. Non-compliant:** Our business currently **does not** have a food scraps/organics recycling program.
Please explain why: _____
- How does your business currently recycle landscaping/green waste and wood waste?
 - Landscaping Contractor removes landscaping/green waste and/or wood waste and it is taken to:
Facility Name: _____ City _____ Phone _____
 - The Business Center/Plaza handles green waste via a Property Manager _____
 - Green waste is thrown in the trash (Property Manager Name and Phone)

By signing below, you are certifying that the information above is true and accurate. If applicable, a follow-up inspection and/or request of your business records on file pertaining to commercial organics recycling may be conducted by the State governing agency (CalRecycle) or its designee at any time to verify compliance.

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Print Name: _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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City of Brea, Public Works Department
Attn: Recycling Coordinator
1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821

OR recyclebrea@cityofbrea.net



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Brea CA 92821

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