

Recycle

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Recycling is the practice of recovering used materials from the waste stream and then incorporating those same materials into the manufacturing process. California has a robust recycling infrastructure that manages beverage containers, organic material, electronic waste, carpet, used oil, paint, and mattresses.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

The law also requires businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste they generate as possible. [AB 341 \(Chesbro, Chapter 476, Statutes of 2011\)](#) requires that businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or are a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more must now arrange for recycling services.

Close the Loop

Collecting materials is only the first step toward making the recycling process work. Successful recycling also depends on manufacturers making products from recovered materials and, in turn, consumers purchasing products made of recycled materials. Do your part--"close the loop" and buy products made of recycled materials whenever possible.

Where to Recycle



[Recycling Center Map](#)



[Batteries](#)



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[Sharps](#)



[Organics](#)



[Used Oil & Filters](#)



[Waste Tires](#)



[E-Waste](#)



[Paint](#)



[Mattresses](#)



[Carpet](#)



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Recycling for Schools and State Agencies

- [School Waste Reduction and Recycling](#). Schools can help communities reduce their waste, while saving money and teaching kids valuable lessons.
- [State Agency Resources](#). Includes resources to assist state agencies in their implementation of waste prevention, reuse, and recycling programs to reduce waste.
- [Waste Management for State Agencies](#)

Resources and Tools

- [Best Practices in Waste Reduction Video](#) (October 2009). Reducing waste can save you money, conserve energy and resources, and reduce air, soil, and water pollution. This 12-chapter video shows you real options for recycling, reducing, or reusing solid waste products. All chapters are on our [Video Central Training page](#) and on [YouTube](#). Helping promote California's development of markets for recyclable materials is part of our mission. We can help you with technical, financial, and permitting assistance. Please feel free to contact CalRecycle's [Office of Public Affairs](#) for more information.
- [Food Waste](#). Food scraps can be turned into valuable soil amendments through the simple techniques of composting or feeding a worm box.
- [Tire Recycling](#). Californians use a lot of tires, which can be recycled in California to produce crumb rubber for new products, recycled in [rubberized asphalt concrete \(RAC\)](#), used in civil engineering applications as [tire-derived aggregate \(TDA\)](#), or combusted as fuel.
- [Used Oil Recycling](#). Oil doesn't wear out, it just gets dirty! Find out more...
- [Recycling Coordinator Information and Resources](#). Materials and assistance to help you set up and operate a successful waste reduction program in your business, office, or locality.
- [Earth 911](#). Find locations near you that accept and recycle more than 350 products and materials, using one of North America's most extensive recycling databases.
- [TerraCycle](#). TerraCycle offers free and paid recycling options for hard to recycle materials. Learn more about their recycle by mail programs at their website.

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