

County of Santa Barbara Commercial Recycling News

Reducing Waste Makes Good Business Cents!

The formula for a successful business is to maximize income and minimize costs. Reducing your waste can help your business to accomplish this...

- Reduce net operating costs by recycling, which is less expensive than trash disposal.
- Save money by buying re-manufactured goods with recycled content.
- Increase your customer base by advertising your business as environmentally friendly.
- Reduce collection service costs by sharing a recycling container with another nearby business.
- Self-haul your recyclables for payment to a recycle center.

Waste Management is committed to helping local businesses reduce waste and costs by recycling. If you need assistance establishing or improving your recycling program, call us at 805-922-2121.

Is Your Business A CESQG?

If your business generates no more than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste and 1 quart or 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous chemicals in a calendar month, it may qualify as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG). Businesses that qualify as a CESQG can self-haul their hazardous waste to a local disposal facility in the area where their business is located. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the appropriate facility.



Santa Maria Valley: Call 925-0951, x7270
Santa Ynez Valley: Call 882-3600
Lompoc Valley: Call 875-8024

Businesses Can Recycle These Items:



Mandatory Recycling Program

The State of California has a mandatory recycling law known as AB 341. Since September 1, 2003, the County of Santa Barbara has had a mandatory commercial recycling program for businesses in the unincorporated areas. There are several ways to comply, including:

- Contact Waste Management to order recycling collection service for their business.
- Share a recycling container from Waste Management with another nearby business.
- Self-haul their business recyclables to a recycling center or drop-off facility.
- Exemptions can also be granted for those who do not generate any recyclables or if paying for recycling service would create an economic hardship.

Waste Management's drivers conduct periodic checks of trash containers for recyclables. If a trash container contains 25% or more recyclables, Waste Management may contact the business to advise what recycling options are available. Call 805-922-2121 for more information.



The County's semi-annual Santa Ynez Valley Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Events are held in April and October at the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station. Call (805) 882-2615 for information or visit www.lessismore.com.



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Maximizing Your Success: Request, Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

Take ownership for your business success by identifying an employee who can coordinate your recycling program and coordinate other's participation. Follow the 4R's below...

- **Request** - Upon request, Waste Management will conduct a service assessment to determine ways you can reduce waste and increase recycling. The assessment includes determining appropriate levels of service and proper carts or containers as well as education information to sustain the program.
- **Reduce** - Think before printing a document. E-mail information to co-workers instead of using a hard copy. By reducing the amount of material going in your trash bins and increasing the level of recycling, you will have immediate impact on your monthly trash generation.
- **Reuse** - Encourage employees to re-use. Use paper already printed on one side for notes or printing drafts on the other. Bring your lunch to work in reusable containers. Drink coffee out of mug or bring a travel mug with you to the coffee shop.
- **Recycle** - Place a desk-side recycling container (an empty copier paper carton will suffice) at every desk. Collect paper, bottles, cans, and cardboard/paperboard from all your employees. Recycle old printer cartridges using mail-back containers from the supplier. Collect batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes, along with e-waste for convenient recycling.

Waste Management is here to help businesses achieve mandatory commercial recycling compliance. For more information or to set up your recycling services with Waste Management, call 805-922-2121.

Mobile Recycling Education

Waste Management offers their mobile recycling education display box to schools, non-profits and for business sponsored community events. The education box walk through display provides information on how to reduce, reuse and recycle in both English and Spanish. The education box can also be utilized for aluminum can drive fundraising events. Call 805-614-1132 for more information and availability.



Multi-Family Housing Units

Property Management companies can reduce collection costs by recycling! The County of Santa Barbara has a mandatory commercial recycling program for multi-family residential units in the unincorporated areas. Large sized roll-off boxes are also available for recycling landscape, construction and demolition waste. Call 922-2121 for information.

