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Commercial Recycling Options

Waste Management provides several different size options for recycling your business waste. Recycling dumpster bins are available in 2, 3, and 4 yard sizes.

Recycling Dumpster Bin



Businesses can mix together in a dumpster bin plastic containers and bottles (coded #1 through #7 marked on the bottom), aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottles and jars, cardboard, brown paper bags, newspapers,

magazines, junk mail, telephone books and mixed papers. **DO NOT** place trash, electronics, motor oil, batteries, sharps or any other hazardous material in this bin or it will not be collected. All materials must fit into dumpster bins or they will not be collected. All locked dumpster bins need to be unlocked by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day(s). Please do not block dumpster bins, and remember to keep lids closed when not in use.

Recycling Roll-Off Container

Roll-off containers for large volume recycling are available in 10, 25 and 40 yard size boxes. Waste Management can coordinate for your business:

- The removal of your refuse and recycling
- The service level recommendations to meet project demands
- The education necessary for reducing waste by recycling
- Provide a one-stop contact for all your project needs

You can recycle in roll-off boxes wood, yard waste, appliances, paper, electronics, metals, cardboard, glass containers, plastics, horse manure/bedding and inert materials. Waste Management can also accept recyclables mixed with dry trash in roll-off boxes and the recyclables will then be removed at our sorting facility.



DO NOT put hazardous materials inside any of these containers.

Businesses Recycling Education: Learn what businesses can recycle and where. Visit: www.lessismore.com.

Business Hazardous Waste

For business hazardous waste disposal for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG), call Santa Maria Valley 805-925-0951, x7270; Lompoc Valley: 805-875-8024; Santa Ynez Valley: 805-882-



3600. For fluorescent bulb recycling and sharps disposal by mail visit our website, www.hss.wm.com. Fluorescent bulbs and sharps containers are not permitted inside any refuse or recycle containers.

Buyback, Agriculture Oil & Electronics Recycling:

Drop-off for donation or get paid for certain recyclables. In some cases fees may apply.

HSS Certified Recycling Centers:

- Santa Maria: 1850 West Betteravia Road (805) 922-9092, Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Closed Sundays;
- Buellton: 97 Commerce Drive (805) 688-7456, Wednesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Closed Sunday-Tuesday & 11-11:30 a.m. (lunch).

BUSINESS BULLETIN BOARD!

Got Business Hazardous Waste? Santa Ynez Valley hosts Hazardous & Electronic Waste Collection Events in April and October. Call 882-3615 for dates and times.

Multi-Family Recycling: Property Management companies can reduce collection costs by recycling! Call 922-2121.

Are you a Green Business? Want to save Money? The Green Business Program can help your business find cost savings and ways to reduce waste. Visit www.greenbizsbc.org.



Brown is the New Green

Cutting back on lawn sprinkler use can help conserve water, but grass still needs help to stay alive! There is a way to help your lawn grow and save water at the same time by using your lawn mower for grass-cycling to reduce large quantities of clippings going into landfills. Grass-cycling refers to leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing.

Because grass consists largely of water (80% or more) and has high nitrogen content, grass clippings easily break down and return to the soil within one to two weeks, acting primarily as a fertilizer supplement, and to a much smaller degree, a mulch. Grass-cycling can provide 15 to 20% or more of a lawn's yearly nitrogen requirements. Also, grass-cycling reduces the use of plastic bags for collecting yard waste and reduces trips to the curb or landfill to haul waste. Practice the following grass-cycling methods:

- Cutting no more than 1/3 the length of the grass
 - Cutting when the grass is dry to the touch
- Cutting when the height is between 3 and 4 inches (7 to 10 cm)
 - Ensuring that the mower blade is sharp

Although a mulching mower can make grass clippings smaller, one is not necessary for grass-cycling!

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

The mandatory commercial recycling program implemented by the County of Santa Barbara in September 2003 is applicable to all businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. Businesses have the following options to comply with the County's disposal ban on recyclables (green waste is exempted).

- Order recycling service through Waste Management/Health Sanitation Service.
- Collect and self-haul recyclables to a recycling/buyback center.
- Share a recycling container.
- No recyclables are generated at the premise.
- Complying with the requirements of the program is infeasible or would result in "undue and unreasonable" hardship. Business can apply for an exemption.
- WM/HSS can help you with starting collection service, applying for an exemption, or notify the County of your recycling activities. Call our Office Care Center for assistance at 805-242-7936.

For more service information, call 805-922-2121 or visit www.hss.wm.com