

# COUNTY of MARIPOSA

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**To:** Businesses Operating in Mariposa County

**From:** Mariposa County Public Works Solid Waste & Recycling Division

**Re:** State Recycling Requirements for Businesses and Multi-Family Communities

The attached flyer is provided to help you and your employees/tenants understand new state requirements related to commercial recycling. Additional copies of the flyer are available upon request or at [www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste).

### **Who Must Recycle:**

State law requires the following commercial enterprises to arrange for recycling services:

- any business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of waste per week , and
- residents of multi-family dwellings with five (5) or more units. (Landlords/managers must provide recycling services for their tenants.)

### **How to Arrange for Recycling Services:**

- Businesses and multi-family dwellings that meet the threshold may request a bin for co-mingled (mixed) recyclable materials from Total Waste Systems, Mariposa County's franchised solid waste hauler, by calling 209-966-3190.
- Businesses may also donate, sell and/or make other arrangements for pick up and recycling of the materials. This includes self-hauling the materials to the Mariposa County Landfill & Recycling Center located at 5593 Hwy. 49N about one mile from downtown Mariposa. (Cash is paid only for beverage containers labeled CA CASH—no other materials.)

### **The Benefits of Recycling:**

- In Mariposa County you can save money by recycling more and disposing of less. This is because many materials can be recycled for free or at a cost much less than disposal fees.
- Recycling conserves resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. It extends the life of our landfill and helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

### **Be Sure to Educate Your Employees/Renters:**

- Your employees/renters are key to a successful recycling program. Please make sure they know which materials can be recycled and where to place the recyclable materials for temporary storage and ultimate collection. Copies of the attached flyer may be useful to help educate and inform employees or renters about proper recycling procedures.

- Employers might consider placing small recycling bins in convenient locations in work areas and break rooms; making one person responsible for emptying indoor bins and monitoring their contents; and posting signs by recycling bins listing what can and cannot be placed in them.
- Landlords/apartment managers may want to consider placing fliers in areas such as laundry rooms or at garbage collection locations; giving the flier to new tenants when the lease is signed and annually to all other tenants; and including recycling requirements in tenant leases.

### **Compliance Requirements :**

The Solid Waste & Recycling Division is responsible for educating businesses about the law and monitoring their compliance. If you have questions, please go to [www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste) or call 209-966-5165.

### **What Not to Place in Recycling Bins:**

- Hazardous waste (waste that contains toxic substances and is banned from the landfill) should not be placed in co-mingled recycling bins or trash containers. Some hazardous waste, such as electronic devices, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, batteries, oil, mercury containing devices, uncontaminated soil, concrete and asphalt and organic materials can be recycled at the Mariposa County Landfill & Recycling Center. Minimal handling fees may apply. Go to [www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste) or call 209-966-5165 Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more information.
- Non-recyclable hazardous waste, such as solvents, household cleaners, gasoline, pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, paints & thinners, and other chemical products should not be placed in trash or recycling containers.
- Tires should not be placed in recycling bins or dumpsters but may be brought to the Mariposa County Landfill & Recycling Center for recycling. A small fee is charged depending on the size of the tire and whether or not it has a rim.
- See the attached flier for more specific information about materials that can or cannot be recycled.

### **Where to Go for More Information:**

- Information about California's business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/default.htm](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/default.htm).
- Information about business recycling is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Business/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Business/).
- Information about multi-family recycling is available from the California Apartment Association at [www.caanet.org/MultifamilyRecycling](http://www.caanet.org/MultifamilyRecycling).
- Information about materials accepted for recycling in Mariposa County, hours of operation at the Landfill & Recycling Center and transfer stations, fee schedules, and other topics related to recycling locally is available at [www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.mariposacounty.org/solidwaste) or by calling 209-966-5165.