



The world of recycling is *changing rapidly.*

Recycling markets *are shrinking.*

Standards for material quality *are tougher.*

Processing costs are *increasing.*

New State laws require us *all to do more.*

*California businesses accumulating 4 cubic yards of waste per week are required to separate their recycling (AB-341) and those accumulating 2 cubic yards of solid waste are required to separate their organics waste (AB-1826).*

*We are working hard to meet these challenges.*

**AND, we need your help** to make sure that all waste materials are placed into the proper containers.

We hope **this guide will help you** make the right decisions when disposing of your waste and recyclables.

### Should I clean out containers?

**YES.** Remove and throw away caps, corks, labels and lids whenever you can. Empty any remaining contents from containers and lightly scrape out. A light rinse is also an option when needed.

**Tip:** A spatula is handy for scraping out sticky foods from tomato paste cans and peanut butter jars.

### Is all cardboard recyclable?

**NO.** Cardboard must be clean and dry with all loose tape removed. Soiled pizza boxes and wax coated cardboard are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash cart.

**Tip:** A pizza box lid is often unsoiled. If it's clean, cut it off, recycle it and toss the bottom of the box into the trash.

### Are takeout food containers recyclable?

**IT DEPENDS.** Polystyrene foam containers (for example, Styrofoam™ clamshells) are generally not acceptable for recycling. Plastic containers marked with a 1, 2 or 5 can often be recycled if you clean them out. Paper containers are often contaminated with food, oils, and grease and should be put in the trash.

### Can I recycle Styrofoam™ packing peanuts?

**NO.** Packing peanuts are not recyclable and should be bagged (preferably into paper sacks) and put into the trash.

**Tip:** Save peanuts and bubble wrap for storing valuables or shipping gifts.

### What about loose paper?

**YES,** BUT loose recyclables can blow out of carts. Please place materials such as shredded or loose paper into other recyclable paper containers such as paper sacks or cereal boxes.

### Should I put my recyclables in a plastic bag inside the cart?

**DEFINITELY NOT.** If you use a plastic bag liner in your kitchen recycling, do not include it in your curbside recycling cart. Empty your loose items directly into the cart.

**Tip:** Consider rinsing and reusing the plastic bag you use to collect recyclables. Your curbside recycling cart must be free of plastic bags.

### Are aerosol cans recyclable?

**YES,** BUT their contents and propellant must be emptied first.



### Mission

Our mission and duty is to protect the public health and environment in partnership with the City of Palm Springs through innovative, safe, efficient, and cost effective solid waste management services

### Vision

We envision a community where waste is recovered and converted into energy or recycled into new materials and products

### Core Values

- Provide excellent service to every customer
- Let integrity, fairness and respect influence every decision, large or small
- Treat every customer and every associate with fair, transparent and even-handed regard
- Strive for constant improvement

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GUIDE TO  
**RECYCLING**  
AT YOUR BUSINESS

The **Blue Cart** is the place for **ALL of your recyclables**. You don't need to separate paper from plastic, glass from metal, or cans from bottles. Just place everything recyclable (including cardboard) into the blue cart.

**On collection day**, if you have curbside service, please roll your blue cart to the pavement edge with the handle facing away from the street and keep the container at least 4 feet away from cars, light poles and mail boxes. **PSDS collects your recyclables** with **clean-burning CNG-powered vehicles** and transports the recyclables to a Materials Recovery Facility where they are separated and then are shipped off to be processed into new products.

**On the route**, after collecting about 800 recycle carts on the route, our truck delivers the load to a local transfer station.

**At the transfer station** multiple truck loads are consolidated into large trailers and transports the material to a **material recovery facility ("MRF")** in the Inland Empire.

**At the MRF**, the material is unloaded and then placed on conveyor belts to be sorted. Staff at the MRF remove large obvious no-recyclable items before sending the rest of the material on for processing. Next, the conveyor belt moves the material through a variety of mechanical sorting systems using air, optics, and magnets to separate the materials by type. The sorted material is then consolidated into bales or containers and transported to various processors or manufacturers that convert the material into a feedstock and new products.



## Commercial Business Recycling (AB-341)

**IT'S THE LAW!**

### California State Assembly Bill 341 (Mandatory Recycling)

Businesses (includes public entities) that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week or is a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more shall arrange for recycling services. Businesses can take one or any combination of the following in order to reuse, recycle or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal:

- Arrange for collection of the material through the City's Franchised Waste Hauler (PSDS).
- Source separate recyclable materials from the solid waste and self-haul to a permitted recycling facility (Proof is Required and can be submitted to PSDS).
- Sell or donate the material (Proof is Required and can be submitted to PSDS).

#### RECYCLING COLLECTION OPTIONS:



## BLUE CART RECYCLABLES



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## DON'T CONTAMINATE

### These Items DO NOT Belong In Your Recycling Containers:



#### ADDITIONAL RECYCLING INFORMATION

- [learn.eartheasy.com/articles/plastics-by-the-numbers/](http://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/plastics-by-the-numbers/)
- [apps.npr.org/plastics-recycling/](http://apps.npr.org/plastics-recycling/)
- [www.palmspringsdisposal.com/recycling](http://www.palmspringsdisposal.com/recycling)

A free waste assessment and assistance is available to you in making any necessary changes in service to comply with the law.

For compliance and assistance,  
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## Commercial Business Organics Recycling (AB-1826)

**IT'S THE LAW!**

### California State Assembly Bill 1826 (Mandatory Organics Recycling)

This Law requires businesses that accumulate 2 cubic yards or more of total solid waste per week to recycle their organic waste on and after April 1, 2016. Businesses that meet the 2 cubic yard per week threshold are required to separate and recycle the following types of organic waste:

- Food scraps
- Green waste and yard trimmings

Regulated properties can comply with the law using one of the following:

- Arrange for collection of food waste and yard waste material through the City's Franchised Waste Hauler (PSDS)
- Recycle organic waste onsite, or self-haul organic waste for recycling. (Proof is Required and can be submitted to PSDS)



## Green Waste and Landscaping

#### Acceptable Items

- Green Waste
- Landscape Waste
- Pruning Waste
- Tree Branches & Trunks
- Untreated Wood

