

# Green Alert: State Law Requires Schools to Recycle!

As part of California's commitment to combat climate change, Riverside County K-12 schools and districts must comply with solid waste and recycling regulations.

## Mandatory Commercial Recycling (AB 341)

AB 341 requires public entities that generate a certain threshold of solid waste per week to reuse, recycle, compost, or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal.

## Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (AB 1826)

AB 1826 requires regulated entities to implement an organic waste recycling program to divert materials such as food and landscape waste.

**Note:** AB 827 requires schools to provide labeled and easily accessible recycling and organic waste containers wherever solid waste is generated.

## Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions (SB 1383)

SB 1383 requires schools to prevent, reduce the generation of, and recycle organic waste. Schools with on-site food facilities must also recover and donate edible food.

Visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/schools](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/schools) for more information.



## Why Recycle?

- Extend the life of landfills
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Decrease disposal costs and receive California Redemption Value (CRV) refunds
- Enhance school image
- Boost student and staff morale



## RCWaste is here to assist!

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCWaste) provides program assistance and free recycling containers to help school districts comply with mandatory recycling regulations and promote a cleaner environment.



Call **951-486-3200** or email [waste-compostingrecycling@rivco.org](mailto:waste-compostingrecycling@rivco.org) to start the recycling journey today!



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