

Purpose:

The Design Guidelines are intended to assist project proponents in identifying space and other design considerations for Refuse/Recyclables Collection and Loading Areas in compliance with AB 1826- Mandatory Organics Recycling, AB 341- Mandatory Commercial Recycling, and SB 1327- California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Act of 1991. Compliance with the Guidelines is necessary for obtaining RCDWR clearance for the issuance of a Building Permit.

The Guidelines also assist the County in meeting and maintaining the waste reduction goals mandated by AB 939 and SB 1383. Additionally, compliance with the Guidelines will extend landfill capacity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide opportunities for citizen choice in disposing of solid waste responsibly, and encourage the recycling of material in order to reduce consumption of natural resources.

Space Recommendations for Refuse and Recyclables Collection and Loading		
Land Use	Size/Scale*	Minimum Recommended Space for Bins
Multi-Unit Residential	Each 20 units	Space for three (3) bins: 1. One 4 cy refuse bin 2. One 4 cy recyclables bin 3. One 4 cy organics bin
Office and General Commercial	Each 20,000 sf	
Retail	Each 8,000 sf	
Industrial	Each 20,000 sf	

cy =cubic yard sf =square feet

*if development is less than specified sf, project must still provide space for recyclables and organics

Bin Size	Measurement*
4 cy bin	$\frac{L \times W \times H}{6 \text{ ft.} \times 3 \text{ ft.} \times 4.5 \text{ ft.}}$

*Average size.

Contact waste hauler for exact measurements

Requirements for Recyclables Collection and Loading Areas

1. LOCATION/ACCESS

Where feasible, the recyclables collection area shall be located adjacent to the solid waste collection area, but each area must be clearly identified through signage and shall have unobstructed access for the respective hauler(s).

2. SIGNAGE

All recycling receptacles, bins and containers must be labeled with the universal symbol for recyclables and organics. Alternative signage can be used, subject to approval by RCDWR, provided that the signs are clearly labeled, e.g., "Recycling Only", "Organics Only", and "Trash Only", indicating the location of each bin.

3. COMPATIBILITY

The recyclables collection area shall be designed to be architecturally compatible with adjacent structures and shall protect adjacent development from potential impacts, such as noise, odor, vectors, or glare, through adequate separation, fencing and/or landscaping.

4. COMPLIANCE

The design, construction, and location of the recyclable collection area shall not conflict with any applicable federal, state or local law relating to fire, building access, transportation, circulation or safety.



* include Site Plan and Drawings on ONE sheet

QUESTIONS?

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