



Marin Sanitary Service

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Marin Sanitary Service's Commercial Recycling Services

In an effort to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions under California's Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32, California passed AB1826. This law requires businesses that produce over 4 cubic yards of refuse per week to subscribe to an organics diversion program for compostable materials like food waste, food soiled paper, and yard debris. California has also enacted AB 341 in 2012 to help move the state closer towards its 75% waste diversion goal. The law requires that all businesses with greater than 4 cubic yards of refuse or apartment complexes with 5 or more units to subscribe to recycling services.

Marin Sanitary Service (MSS) has refined and enhanced their Commercial Recycling Programs, to help Marin's businesses, multifamily apartment units and schools divert more resources than ever before and become compliant under California law. MSS understands that increasing diversion is not only good for resource conservation - it can also help a business' bottom line.

The MSS Commercial Recycling Outreach Team can assess your business' individual needs, work with staff to improve participation, and customize a collection plan to help you divert resources from the landfill. Additionally, for a small fee, the expert staff at MSS can perform a detailed waste analysis and recycling improvement plan that meets Green Business Certification standards.

MSS realizes that to reach Marin's zero waste goal, organic material needs to be removed from the waste stream. Therefore, MSS has made composting services available to all apartment buildings and businesses along with the Food to Energy program, which collects food scraps from grocery stores and restaurants.

The "Food to Energy" or F2E program is the result of a first-in-the-nation public/private partnership between MSS and Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA). F2E starts with MSS collecting the food scraps from your business and ends at CMSA's on-site Anaerobic Digester. The digester acts like your stomach; food scraps go in, microorganisms digest the material and renewable energy in the form of biogas comes out. The biogas then fuels an on-site generator that powers CMSA, reducing the need for energy from fossil fuels like natural gas. In 2016, the Food to Energy program reduced an estimated 2,082 metric tons of CO2 equivalent which compares to removing 5,935 cars from the road.

Call (415) 456-2601 today and ask to speak with a Commercial Recycling Outreach Coordinator to start diverting more resources from the landfill.