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Dear Valued Customer,

There are two mandatory recycling laws in California that affect your business:

AB 341 requires businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week and apartment communities/multi-family residential dwellings with 5 or more housing units to have a recycling program in place.¹ Reverse side

AB 1826 requires businesses to recycle their organic waste. As of January 1, 2019, all businesses with 4 or more cubic yards of combined solid waste, recycling, and organics going each week will need to start an organics waste account or apply for an exemption through Republic Services and the City of Martinez before Dec. 31, 2019.² Reverse side

Even if you don't generate this much waste, you could still benefit from implementing or improving your recycling program. Republic Services is the solid waste and recycling collection service provider for your area. We are uniquely qualified to provide recycling solutions to help reduce your garbage bill. The more you recycle, the smaller your garbage container, the lower your garbage bill.

We also offer waste audits at no charge to help identify ways to recycle as much of what you're currently throwing away as possible. ***If you already have a recycling account with us***, we want to thank you for compliance with the law and we invite you to improve your recycling efforts with an audit.

Contact customer service for a recycling representative at (707) 747-0608 if you would like to:

- **Learn how you can increase your recycling, decrease your trash, and save money with a waste audit**
- **Get rid of unwanted items without filling the landfill with recyclable materials**
- **Request recycling stickers for indoor receptacles, literature, and/or educational meetings to help you maximize recycling in your workplace**
- **Help save limited natural resources with greener business practices**
- **Inquire about organics**

We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to help meet your garbage and recycling collection needs. Your recycling efforts will help the environment while diverting material away from landfills in compliance with California law.

Republic Services

¹ California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law AB341

“Business” means any commercial or public entity, that generates four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week, including, but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint-stock company, corporation, or association that is organized as a for-profit or nonprofit entity, strip mall (e.g. property complex containing two or more commercial entities), industrial facility, school, school district, California State University, community colleges, University of California, special district or a federal, state, local, regional agency or facility. With the passage of (Chapter 476, Statutes of 2011 [Chesbro, AB 341]), California is one of the first to enact a statewide program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste from landfills.

² California's new Organics Recycling Law AB1826

What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, food-soiled paper, landscape and pruning waste.

New State law (AB 1826) requires businesses and apartment complexes that generate a certain amount of organic waste to arrange for organic waste* recycling. The following chart shows the state-mandated implementation schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Waste Generated</u>
April 1, 2016	8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week
January 1, 2017	4 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week
January 1, 2019	4 cubic yards or more (combined total) of solid waste, recycling, and organics per week

*Apartment complexes are encouraged, but not required to have food waste diversion programs. However, complexes with 5 or more units must recycle yard waste and other landscape prunings now and must comply by Jan. 1, 2019 if landfilling 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week.

For more information, visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov>