

# Recycling and Organics Recycling Guide for Businesses

You have been identified as subject to California's mandatory recycling laws.

## Mandatory Recycling and Organics Recycling (MCR, MORE, and SB 1383)

- Businesses, including public entities, are required to label, recycle, and periodically inspect containers for contamination.\*
- Businesses are required to educate employees on proper recycling.

## SB 1383 Food Recovery

- The regulations require that mandated food donors establish contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations and services.
- Food donors are typically larger supermarkets & restaurants, food distributors/wholesale vendors.\*



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## AB 827: Educating and Involving Customers to Achieve California's Recycle Goals

- MCR- and MORE-covered businesses must provide recycling and organics containers at front-of-house to collect waste generated by customers from products they purchase and consume on the premises. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers.

## AB 827 Requirements

- AB 827 requires collection containers at front-of-house to be visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked.
- This law targets businesses that sell products meant for immediate consumption.
- Full-service restaurants do not have to provide properly labeled containers for patrons but must provide properly labeled containers next to trash containers for employees to separate post-consumer recyclables and organics.

\*Additional information about these requirements and related assistance is available at: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/>

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