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County offers information on mandatory commercial recycling, which begins July 1

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is available to provide information to help businesses meet the requirements of mandatory commercial recycling in response to AB 341. Mandatory commercial recycling begins July 1 and requires businesses generating more than four cubic yards of waste per week, and multifamily units of five or more, to begin recycling.

The state passed the regulation to help reach the goal of diverting 75 percent of waste from landfills. According to CalRecycle, the mandatory commercial recycling measure focuses on increased commercial waste diversion as a method to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also focuses on expanding opportunities for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California. To achieve the measure's objective, an additional two to three million tons of material annually will need to be recycled from the commercial sector in California by the year 2020 and beyond.

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is available to provide technical assistance to businesses and governmental agencies that need to develop recycling programs to meet the requirements.

For more information, contact the Riverside County Waste Management Department (951) 486-3200 or www.rivcowm.org.