

MANDATORY RECYCLING & SINGLE USE BAG ORDINANCES

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About StopWaste.Org:

- › Alameda County Waste Management Authority & Recycling Board
- › JPA representing 14 cities, 2 Sanitary Districts and the County on recycling & waste issues
- › Funded by landfill tip fees
- › Mission:
 - Divert 90% of readily recyclable and compostable materials by 2020

Mandatory Recycling Ordinance: Purpose

- › Meet Countywide diversion goals
- › Meet Albany's diversion goals
- › Meet Albany's Climate Action Plan diversion reduction goals = lower GHG
- › Comply with Statewide Mandatory Recycling Regulation
- › Enhance the economy through increased recycling and composting

State Mandatory Recycling Regulation

- › Requires businesses and MF buildings generating at least 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week to recycle.
- › Requires Cities to conduct outreach, monitor compliance and notify businesses who are out-of-compliance.
- › Supports enforcement, but not required
- › Supports mandatory ordinance, but not required.

Draft Environmental Impact Report

- › Draft released August 2
- › Final due: October 28
- › Significant Impact: NOx in San Joaquin Valley from increased organics
- › Mitigations: Send fewer organic tons to San Joaquin Valley; retrofit trucks to emit less NOx.
- › No Significant Impacts Identified from Single Use Bag Ordinance

Mandatory Recycling: Potential Economic Impacts

- › Costs to Businesses of increased recycling
- › Cost to Hauler to provide increased recycling
- › Cost to City of decreased franchise fee revenues
- › Cost to Government Agency(ies) to Implement

Mandatory Recycling: Potential Economic Benefits

- ▶ Reduced cost of complying with statewide regulation at each jurisdiction
- ▶ Increased revenue from sale of recyclables/compost & avoided disposal cost
- ▶ Jobs created in collection and processing
- ▶ Level playing field for businesses
- ▶ Savings for some businesses from increased recycling

Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Parameters to Consider:

1. Type of Generators to Cover
2. Size of Commercial Generator to Cover
3. Material Types Covered
4. Exemptions
5. Implementation Timeline
6. Countywide or Subgroup

1. Types of Generators to Cover?

- ▶ Commercial accounts only
- ▶ **Commercial + Multi-family** accounts
- ▶ Comm. + Multi-family + Self-haul
- ▶ Comm. + MF + Self-haul + Single Family: All accounts

2. Size Commercial Generator to Cover?

- ▶ 4 cy/wk +
Approximately 7,000 accounts county-wide.
- ▶ 4 cy/wk + **as of a specified date:**
Approximately 7,000 accounts county-wide.
- ▶ **All accounts:** Accounts with 32 gallons or more of garbage service per week.
Approximately 20,000 accounts county-wide.

3. Materials Types Covered?

- ▶ **Basic recyclables:** Cans, bottles, recyclable paper, and cardboard
- ▶ **Basic + organics – now:** Cans, bottles, recyclable paper, cardboard, food scraps and compostable paper.
- ▶ **Basic + organics – later:** Cans, bottles, recyclable paper, cardboard as of 2012. Food scraps and compostable paper as of 2014 or later.
- ▶ **Other materials added**

4. Exemptions

- ▶ **No space**
- ▶ **No service**
- ▶ **Economic Hardship**
- ▶ **De Minimus amount**

5. Implementation Timeline

- ▶ Notification period of 6 months
Initial notification, outreach and education first 6 months.
- ▶ Warning period of 6 months:

6. Countywide or Subgroup?

- ▶ Ordinance should apply within the boundaries of member agencies that want it to apply.
- ▶ Opt-out Option
- ▶ Opt-in Option

Single Use Bag Ordinance Basics:

- ▶ No single use bag distribution
- ▶ \$0.10 on paper bags
- ▶ \$0.10 on reusable bags (including plastic bags designed for reuse)

Purpose

- ▶ Reduce use of single use items
- ▶ Reduce landfilling of single use bags
- ▶ Reduce litter in storm drains, at landfills and at transfer stations
- ▶ Meet RWQCB trash reduction requirements in municipal regional stormwater permits

Economic Cost

- ▶ No cost to retailer
- ▶ No cost to customers who bring bag

Economic Benefit

- ▶ Reduced litter clean up costs
- ▶ Reduced downtime for sorting line maintenance
- ▶ Ca jobs associated with production of reusable bags

Single Use Bag Ordinance Parameters

1. Type of Retailer to Cover
2. Implementation Timeline
3. Countywide or Subgroup

1. Type Of Retailer to Include

- ▶ **Large stores/pharmacies only:** Approximately 175 (estimated) retail establishments county-wide.
- ▶ **Sales of Packaged Food:** Drug stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience food stores, foodmarts, liquor stores and others selling packaged food. Approximately 1900 (estimated) retail establishments county-wide.
- ▶ **All retail except restaurants & prepared food businesses:** Approximately 7,150 (estimated) retail establishments county-wide.

2. Implementation Timeline

- ▶ Notify - 6 months
- ▶ Warnings - 6 months
- ▶ Option of Shorter timeline, Longer timeline
- ▶ Phased implementation

3. Countywide or Subgroup

- ▶ Ordinance should apply within the boundaries of member agencies that want it to apply.
- ▶ Committee feedback?

Next Steps/Timeline

- ▶ Continue Stakeholder outreach
- ▶ Ordinance recommendation to Member Agency Staff TAC: October 14
- ▶ Certification of EIR and first reading of ordinances: November 16 WMA
- ▶ Second reading and ordinance decision: December 14 WMA

Questions?