

## California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law

Mandatory Commercial Recycling was one of the measures adopted by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) in the Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan that was prepared pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006). The California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Measure focuses on increased commercial waste recycling as a method to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law was adopted by CalRecycle and applies to:

- Businesses, including non-profit organizations; schools; and, local, state and federal agencies that dispose of four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week; and,
- Multi-family residential dwellings and mobile home parks of five units or more with shared refuse bin service regardless of the amount of waste disposed per week.

By July 1, 2012, each of the entities in the above categories is required to recycle recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, metals, food and yard waste. The recycling of these materials can be accomplished through the cardboard and commercial curbside recycling programs offered by Recology Yuba-Sutter or through each entities' own efforts. Call or email the Recology Yuba-Sutter Waste Zero Specialist at (530) 749-4220 and [BHilbers@recology.com](mailto:BHilbers@recology.com) to schedule a *free waste audit*.

The local jurisdictions are required to provide public education and outreach and to monitor compliance of applicable Yuba-Sutter business and multi-family entities with the California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law. This will be done through working with Recology Yuba-Sutter to identify entities that are required to comply with the California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law and that are not known to be participating in a recycling program. These entities will be surveyed regarding participation in other recycling efforts and to provide advice regarding the requirements of the Law.