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Customer/Business Owner  
[STREET]  
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Dear Customer/Business Owner,

### **STATE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES AND MULTIFAMILY COMPLEXES**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is conducting free on-site visits to help businesses and multifamily complexes located within the County unincorporated areas comply with the State's mandatory recycling requirements. Our contractor Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Consulting Engineers (SCS Engineers) will assist your property in the near future by conducting free waste assessments and on-site recycling consultations to assist you in setting up recycling services to meet your business/property's specific needs. Below is some useful information about the State's business recycling mandates and how you can arrange for recycling services.

#### **Who Must Recycle**

Effective July 1, 2012, the State's **Mandatory Commercial Recycling law (AB 341)** requires all businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and multifamily properties with 5 units or more to arrange for recycling services.

Beginning April 1, 2016, the State's **Mandatory Organic Waste Recycling law (AB 1826)** will phase in requirements for businesses and multifamily residences that generate specified amounts of organic waste to arrange for recycling services for that material in accordance with the following schedule:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Cubic Yards Generated Weekly</b>                                |
|-------------|--|
| 2016        | 8 (organic waste)  |
| 2017        | 4 (organic waste)  |
| 2019        | 4 (commercial solid waste, regardless of amount of organic waste)  |
| 2021        | 2 (commercial solid waste, regardless of amount of organic waste)* |

\*conditional on 50 percent Statewide reduction in organics disposal compared to disposal in 2014

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Gardening or landscaping service offered to those businesses in the above categories are also subject to this law and businesses must ensure that this organic waste is recycled. Multifamily residences are only required to arrange for recycling services for green waste.

### **How to Arrange for Recycling Services**

To assist businesses and multifamily residences in recycling and complying with State laws, the County has established a commercial waste collection franchise system. Businesses in the County unincorporated areas may contact their authorized commercial waste hauler to receive the following FREE recycling service options:

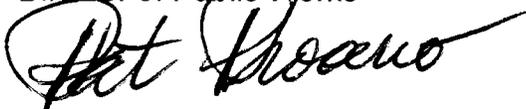
- One cubic yard recycling bin/capacity; or
- Two 96 gallon recycling carts, if storage space is limited

You may obtain additional recycling services at no more than half the cost of solid waste collection service for the same size container. For a list of authorized waste haulers as well as additional information on what services you are entitled to under the Customer Bill of Rights, please visit [www.LACountySWIMS.org/BOR](http://www.LACountySWIMS.org/BOR).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Perez at (626) 458-3554, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or via e-mail at [dperez@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dperez@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

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