

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 42929 County Road 24, Woodland, CA 95776 (530) 661-2050 Fax (530) 666-1266 www.cityofwoodland.org

May 16, 2012

Re: New state recycling requirements for businesses and multi-family properties

Dear Woodland Business or Multi-Family Property Owner/Manager:

This letter and the attached flyers are provided to help you, your employees, and tenants understand new state requirements for mandatory commercial recycling. *You have received this letter because your business or multi-family property is subject to these requirements.* 

## **Who Must Recycle**

In October 2011, the governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 341, which requires the following to arrange for recycling services by July 1, 2012: (1) any business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of waste per week and (2) multi-family properties with five or more units. For more information on AB 341, visit <a href="www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/recycling">www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/recycling</a>. To meet state requirements for local governments, the City of Woodland will be considering an ordinance to guide local implementation of these recycling programs, including penalties for non-compliance.

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

Waste Management is the city's exclusive franchise waste and recyclables hauler. You can call Waste Management at (530) 662-8748 to arrange for recycling services.

You may also donate, sell, and/or self-haul the materials to recycling facilities. If you intend to use one of these methods, you will be asked to provide us with information about how you plan to recycle using alternative arrangements. Please contact the City of Woodland Environmental Services Division at 661-2050 for more information.

#### Save Money by Recycling

In Woodland, you can save money by recycling more and sending less waste to the landfill. This is because recycling fees are less than waste disposal fees. Whereas waste collection costs more as the bin sizes and collection frequency increase, recycling services cost the same each month regardless of bin size or collection frequency. So, recycle more, reduce your waste, and save money!

### **Save Resources and Help the Environment**

Recycling conserves resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions produced from decaying landfill waste. It extends the life of our landfills and helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations. Businesses and multi-family properties that participate in waste reduction and recycling are often viewed more favorably by the public.

### **Be Sure to Educate Your Employees and Tenants**

Employees are key to a successful business recycling program, and tenants are key to a successful multifamily recycling program. Please make sure your employees and tenants understand the requirements to recycle, know which materials can be recycled, and know where to place them for collection. Copies of the attached flyer may be useful to help educate and inform employees and tenants about proper recycling procedures. Additional copies of the flyer are available upon request or on the City of Woodland's website at <a href="https://www.cityofwoodland.org/recycle">www.cityofwoodland.org/recycle</a>.

#### Consider:

- Placing the flyers in common areas such as break rooms, in laundry rooms, or at garbage collection locations.
- Giving the flyers to new employees and to new tenants when the lease is signed and annually to all others.
- Including recycling requirements in tenant leases or in employee handbooks.

#### **Contact Us for Technical Assistance**

We're here to help. If you would like a waste assessment at your business or property or assistance with starting a recycling program, please contact the following:

City of Woodland Waste Management of Woodland Recycling Coordinator or Sustainability/Diversion Coordinator (530) 661-2059 (530) 406-4332

Para obtener información en español, llama al (530) 661-2059.

Sincerely,

City of Woodland Environmental Services