

Are you a fast-casual restaurant?

Learn about your requirements to provide recycling and organics bins for your customers.



What is Assembly Bill 827 (AB 827)?

If you are a business that is already required to have organics services (under Assembly Bill 1826) and recycling services (under Assembly Bill 341), *and* your customers throw away their own trash after purchasing your products, you are required to provide your customers separate bins for disposal of each type of waste (trash, organics, and recycling) by July 1, 2020.

Purpose of the Law?

AB 827 is intended to educate and involve consumers in achieving the state's recycling goals.

How do I comply with AB 827?

- Provide customers with recycling and/or organics containers/bins to collect material generated from products purchased on the premises.
- Bins or containers must be visible, easily accessible to customers and clearly marked with labels indicating which materials are accepted in each container.
- Recycling/organics containers must be next to each trash can (restroom waste bins are excluded).
- *Business vs. Property Management Company*: Both property owner and tenant have shared responsibility for recycling waste and organics. The property owner must ensure that hauler-provided recycling service has been established, applicable recycling and organics recycling containers are placed and require the tenant to participate in the collection program. If the property owner is not involved and the tenant or lessee is responsible for trash collection services, then the tenant/lessee would be responsible for complying with the law.
- Note: Some businesses may have an internal or a third-party organics recycling program instead of hauler-provided recycling service. Examples include onsite composting, hauling organic waste to composting facility/farm, or third-party picks up organic waste for composting.

Exemption?

- A full-service restaurant is exempt from AB 827.
- A "full-service" restaurant is defined as one where an employee takes all of the following actions: Escorts or assigns the customer to an assigned eating area; Takes the food and beverage orders after the customer has been seated at the assigned seating area; Directly delivers the food and beverage orders to the customer and collects the trash, recyclables, and organic waste materials from the customer; Brings to the customers any of the requested items associated with the customers food or beverage order; and Delivers the check directly to the customer at the assigned seating area.)
- The law does not provide any exemptions to businesses with space limitations in its customer accessible areas.

Where can I find further information and sample signs?

Model Signage: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/PRToolkit/>

Note: Businesses may use their own signage or contact the jurisdiction or hauler for customized signage based upon the requirements of their collection service.

CalRecycle FAQs:

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