

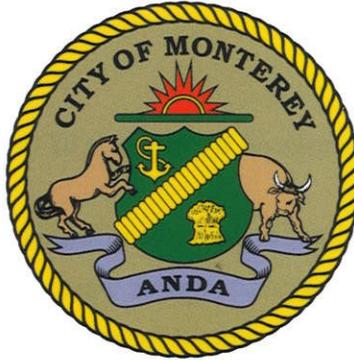
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**Important!**

*City Code Changes that  
may effect your property .*



October 26, 2015

**Subject: Updates to the Monterey City Code Affecting Commercial Locations**

Dear Commercial or Multi-Family Refuse Collection Account Holder,

Over the years, several initiatives have been adopted by the City of Monterey to ensure the sustainability of the Monterey Bay region with respect to public health, conservation, tourism and the local economy. The City of Monterey continues to take its commitment to protecting the environment and well being of community members very seriously.

Based on recently adopted California laws (AB 341 and AB 1826), the City of Monterey has recently updated the Monterey City Code, Chapter 14, to adopt changes to the requirements for commercial and multifamily locations within city limits. With that in mind, please be sure to review the following summary of changes to the Monterey City Code as they may pertain to your place of business:

### **Recyclables**

Effective immediately, **all commercial locations and all multifamily residences with more than one unit**, must have a recycling program.

- To comply, a site may either subscribe to recycling services through Monterey City Disposal (**at no extra charge**) or certify in writing that recyclables (including but not limited to glass, plastic, metals, paper and cardboard) are recovered and recycled through other means.
- Multifamily sites are required to provide on-site recycling services to residents
- The goal of a recycling program should be that at least 50% of material generated on site is being diverted from disposal.

## Organics

- **On and after April 1, 2016**, a business that generates eight cubic yards (approx. 1,600 gallons) or more of organic waste (i.e. green waste or food waste) per week shall arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste.
- **On and after January 1, 2017**, a business that generates four cubic yards (approx. 800 gallons) or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste.
- **On and after January 1, 2019**, a business that generates four cubic yards or more of solid waste (i.e. trash/garbage) per week, shall arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste.
- **On or after January 1, 2020**, if CalRecycle, a state agency, determines that statewide disposal of organic waste has not been reduced sufficiently, a business that generates two cubic yards (approx. 400 gallons) or more per week of commercial solid waste shall arrange for organic waste recycling services.

### **Organics waste recycling may be completed by any one of the following:**

1. Subscribe to organics collection services offered by Monterey City Disposal Service
2. Recycle or compost all generated organic waste for use on-site
3. Self haul organic waste to a permitted location for recycling or composting
4. A landscaper may remove green waste on behalf of a business if the requirements of the Monterey City Code, Chapter 14, are met.
5. Multifamily sites with fewer than five (5) units are exempt from organic waste recycling
6. Multifamily sites with five (units) or greater are required to recycle/compost green waste (yard waste), but not food waste.
  - i. To recycle/compost green waste it may be:
    1. Used as compost on-site
    2. Self hauled to a permitted composting facility
    3. Taken by a landscaper to a permitted composting facility (if generated on-site during the course of landscaping)

To review the Monterey City Code online please visit: <http://www.codepublishing.com/ca/monterey/>

Please note that upon request staff from the City of Monterey will assist in implementing recycling programs at your place of business including staff training and recommendations for levels of service.

To make changes to your refuse/recycling collection services, please contact Monterey City Disposal Service (831-372-7977). If you have any questions or would like to discuss the requirements addressed in this letter, please contact me at (831) 646-5662 or [Terrasas@Monterey.org](mailto:Terrasas@Monterey.org).

Regards,

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