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For more information or questions regarding solid waste and recycling requirements in South San Francisco, please visit the websites for the City of South San Francisco and South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

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MANDATORY RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

California Recycling Laws

This information is a resource for South San Francisco businesses, public entities, and residential properties on the current and upcoming recycling compliance requirements throughout the State of California. These requirements were issued as efforts against climate change and to help feed the almost 1 in 4 Californians without enough to eat. Specifically, proactive compliance of the following will reduce the state's methane, a climate super pollutant more potent than carbon dioxide, and will redirect Californians in need to 20% of edible food currently being thrown away. The following information will help you identify whether or not your business/property is compliant.

AB 341 **MANDATORY RECYCLING** *(Effective 2012)*

Assembly Bill 341 requires all commercial businesses, and public entities that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of waste per week and all multifamily properties with five (5) or more living units to have a recycling program in place. This effort will ensure that businesses refrain from disposing of recyclables in landfills.

AB 1826 **MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING**

(Effective 2016)

As of September 2020, Assembly Bill 1826 requires businesses, including schools and public entities, that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week (total for garbage and recycling) to arrange for collection of organic waste. Multifamily buildings with five (5) or more units are required to collect yard trimmings.

AB 827 **MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING**

(Effective 2020)

Assembly Bill 827 amends AB 341 and AB 1826. It requires "front of house" recycling and organics collection bins in all restaurants and cafeterias where patrons clear their own tables.

SB 1383 **MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING & RECOVERY**

(Effective 2022)

Adopted in September 2016, Senate Bill 1383 is the most significant mandate

adopted in California in the last 30 years. It requires the state to reduce organic waste by 75% and to increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. Effective January 1, 2022, a city ordinance will be in place requiring compliance with recycling requirements and encouraging waste reduction and proper sorting community-wide.

Generators of edible food waste will need to arrange for donating to the local food bank or other organization. Tier One generators (supermarkets, grocery stores \geq 7,500 sq. ft., foodservice distributors, and wholesale food markets) must comply with edible food recovery requirements by January 1, 2022. Tier Two generators (restaurants \geq 250 seats, or \geq 5,000 sq. ft., hotels with onsite food facility and \geq 200 rooms, health facilities with onsite food facility and \geq 100 beds, state agencies with a cafeteria with \geq 250 seats, or \geq 5,000 sq. ft., local education agencies with onsite food facility, large venues, and large events) must comply by January 1, 2024.

The County of San Mateo's Office of Sustainability is currently developing a plan on Edible Food Recovery and will be contacting edible food generators in the coming months.