

## **WHY RECYCLE? IT'S STATE LAW!**

### **Mandatory Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling – AB341**

The California legislature passed Assembly Bill 341 (AB341) making it mandatory that businesses and multi-family (apartment and condominium) complexes have a recycling program beginning July 1, 2012.

The City of Santa Ana is required to inform businesses and multi-family complexes about the recycling requirement and to track the level of recycling within this sector. The City is also required to report each year to the State on the success of these programs.

### **What does this mean for your business or complex?**

Businesses generating four cubic yards or more of waste on a weekly basis and multi-family properties with five or more units are required to recycle. In many cases, recycling programs can save you money. Now is the time to determine the best recycling program for your operation and possibly reduce your trash bill.

### **Programs available to you**

Waste Management is working with the City of Santa Ana to support commercial and multi-family customers in meeting AB341 requirements. Waste Management offers a variety of options to help you start a program or expand an existing program. From single-stream recycling for all of your mixed recyclables to food waste collection, Waste Management can help you find a solution to meet your needs.

### **Recycling tips**

- Evaluate your waste stream for recycling opportunities.
- Appoint a recycling champion, someone who will take ownership of the recycling program.
- Evaluate your site and assess space available to add recycling service. If you need assistance, contact Angelica Dulce of Waste Management at 714-480-2359.

To read more about AB341 online, visit:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/default.htm>. Learn more about Waste Management's AB341 program by visiting: <http://www.wm.com/AB341.jsp>