

Regulation 3511.1: Integrated Waste Management

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For all applicable areas of district operations, the Superintendent or designee shall design an integrated waste management program that minimizes the generation of waste, encourages the recovery and diversion of materials from the waste stream, improves efficiency in the utilization of natural and material resources, and protects the environment. The program shall implement measures and/or practices to:

1. Reduce the consumption of disposable materials, increase the diversion of organic and recyclable materials, and fully utilize all materials prior to disposal
2. Recycle materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and metal

Any school site or district facility which generates more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.2; 14 CCR 17225.12)

- a. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangement for the pickup of the recyclable materials
 - b. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation
3. Any school or district facility that generates more than four cubic yards of organic waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services. (Public Resources Code 42649.81)

How to Comply

Schools and other entities that meet the waste generation threshold can take one or any combination of the following organic recycling activities:

- Source separate organic waste from other waste and participate in a waste recycling service that includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
 - Recycle its organic waste on site, or self-haul its organic waste off site for recycling.
 - Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
4. Prefer recycled and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in district schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any district building
 5. Work with city, county, or other government or non-government agencies to locate markets for the district's reusable, recyclable, compostable, or other recoverable materials
 6. Minimize the use of nonbiodegradable materials and work with vendors and contractors to use packaging and delivery materials that generate less waste
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