



Program Exemption Application

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In Santa Barbara County, the following local and State regulations require commercial businesses and multi-family complexes to establish recycling and organics diversion programs and actively participate in them. The regulations with a blue box are those that correspond to blue recycling and the regulations with a green box are those that correspond to organics recycling.

- **Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance** – *Santa Barbara County passed an ordinance in 2003 that requires all businesses to divert recyclable materials from landfill disposal. For more information about the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance visit: <https://lessismore.org/materials/274-mandatory-commercial-recycling-program/>.*
- **Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law (AB 341)** – *The State of California passed a law in 2011 that requires businesses that generate four (4) or more cubic yards of waste and multi-family units of five (5) or more to divert recyclable materials from landfill disposal. For more information about the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial>.*
- **Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826)** – *The State of California passed a law in 2016 that requires businesses that generate two (2) or more cubic yards of waste or multi-family units of five (5) or more to divert organic materials from landfill disposal. For more information about the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics>.*
- **Short Lived Climate Pollutant Law (SB 1383)*** – *The State of California passed a law in 2018 that requires all residents, businesses and multi-family units to divert organic materials from landfill disposal. For more information about the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>*

To comply with these regulations, organizations can subscribe to franchise services or establish an alternative diversion program such as self-hauling material to the appropriate waste facility or on-site composting. In certain circumstances, an exemption may be available for properties that meet conditions related to space and/or material generation thresholds.

*If the business or multi-family complex is located in Los Alamos, Mission Hills, or Los Olivos, it is already exempt from the Short Lived Climate Pollutant Law – SB 1383 as it is located in a state designated low population area.

Organization Information

Please complete the following section for your organization.

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Waste Hauler: _____

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Submission

When complete with pages 1 and 2, submit this form online at www.lessismore.org/exemptions or mail in the completed form to 130 E Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, ATTN: Business Exemption.

Program Exemption Detail

Complete this section if you wish to apply for an exemption from one or more of the regulations listed on the front of this document. Please refer to the regulations and identify the appropriate regulation(s) for which you believe you qualify for an exemption. Select the exemption type that applies and provide a detailed explanation of the rationale for your exemption request. **Applications that lack an explanation will not be considered.** Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Fill out both sections below if you are seeking an exemption for standard “blue” recycling.

Santa Barbara County Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance	California Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law (AB 341)
For which reason are you seeking an exemption: Infeasible/Unnecessary <input type="checkbox"/> Unreasonable Hardship <input type="checkbox"/>	For which reason are you seeking an exemption: Non-Generation of Recyclable Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Space Constraint <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain:	Please explain:

Fill out both sections below if you are seeking an exemption for organic waste recycling. Note – if the address is located within Los Alamos, Mission Hills, or Los Olivos, you are already exempt from SB 1383.

California Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826)	California Short Lived Climate Pollutants Law (SB 1383)
For which reason are you seeking an exemption: De Minimis Volume <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not generate at least ½ cubic yard of organic waste per week. • Does not generate at least two cubic yards of total solid waste per week. Physical Space Constraint <input type="checkbox"/>	For which reason are you seeking an exemption: De Minimis Volume <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating less than 20 gallons of organic waste per week (if total solid waste is ≥ 2 cubic yards). • Generating less than 10 gallons of organic waste per week (if total solid waste is < 2 cubic yards). Physical Space Constraint <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain:	Please explain: