

## **Mandatory Commercial Recycling AB 341 Mandates Commercial Recycling**

On October 6, 2011, Governor Brown signed AB 341 which mandates recycling for businesses producing four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, and multifamily dwellings of five units or more. Entities affected by this law include for profit and not for profit businesses, schools, government agencies and facilities, and multifamily residential dwellings. The new recycling law takes effect July 1, 2012.

Under the law, Ontario businesses must separate recyclables from trash and then either subscribe to City of Ontario recycling services, self-haul their recyclables, or contract with a permitted private recycler. For information about private recyclers, call (909) 395-2040.

The City of Ontario is required to provide a number of programs to meet the requirements of the bill. They include a public outreach program to inform their businesses about the mandate, monitoring the progress of each business, notifying them if they are not in compliance, and reporting to the State. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will oversee the mandatory commercial recycling program.

We all know that recycling helps protect our environment. Help yourself and the community by recycling. Call (909) 395-2040 to start service now or, if you need help getting started, to schedule a free waste assessment from one of the City's recycling experts.