

Commercial Waste and Recycle Newsletter

for Brentwood, Knightsen,
& Byron Customers

Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR) is the one-stop shop for commercial Recycle, Organics and Waste collection service needs in Brentwood, Byron and Knightsen.

As one of the few locally-owned waste and recycle companies in Northern California, we truly believe in diverting as much material as possible out of the landfill — that's why we don't own one. By utilizing the recycle and/or organics service, you can help reduce your monthly invoice. The more you divert out of the waste stream, the more you save.

It's Easy To Recycle!

- **Recycle more:** Our single-stream recycling program makes it easier to place all acceptable material into one container. No more sorting; we do the work on the back end. We just ask that you clean and dry the acceptable material, and place it loosely into the container. (No plastic bags required.)
- **Composting:** Food scraps, food contaminated paper and green waste is collected separately, then processed and turned into enriched soil.
- **Waste assessments:** We'll help you identify the types of waste your business has and find opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle more. Call your Division Specialist today to schedule your free waste assessment.
- **Resources at no additional cost:** Did you know we offer free on-site training to help your employees understand what material goes in which bin? Our free educational resources and instructional material are also available. We're here to help!
- **Diversion Specialists:** Will work with you to tailor services to your business's needs. We want to make your program as successful as possible.

Meet Your Diversion Specialist!



Sarah Davis

As a local resident, Sarah is passionate about sustainability and zero-waste education.

She enjoys being as involved in the community as much as possible, helping to educate local businesses and schools about the importance of recycling and spreading awareness about the effects of trash. She loves creating partnerships with her customers and working with them to create the most efficient recycling program for their location. With almost 10 years in the industry, Sarah sees this as more of a lifestyle than what she does for a living.

"Building relationships within my communities has become something I genuinely love. Being able to help and educate customers while benefitting the environment is extremely fulfilling."



Did you know?

The United States is the number one trash-producing country in the world



Cart Options

Size	Height	Width	Depth
96-gallon	43.25"	29.75"	32.25"

Metal Bin Options

Size	Height	Width	Depth
2 cubic yards	50.5"	81"	35.5"
3 cubic yards	50.5"	81"	41.5"
6 cubic yards	72"	81"	66"

Debris Box Options

Size	Height	Width	Length
20 cubic yards	6.4'	8'	14'

State Recycle Mandates: We Make it Easy!

MDRR understands that running a business keeps you busy. Our Diversion Specialists are here to help make sure you're in compliance.

- **Recycling AB 341:** This law requires any business that generates more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste to recycle their dry recyclables (i.e., bottles, cans, plastic and cardboard).
- **Organics AB 1826:** This legislation requires businesses to recycle their organic waste (i.e., green and food waste).

Re-Think Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Food & Beverage Containers



Polystyrene is a petroleum-based lightweight plastic made from styrene, a synthetic chemical classified as a possible human carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is usually about 95 percent air and commonly used to make disposable beverage, take-out food containers and packing material. These products are often engraved with the number 6 surrounded by a recycling symbol or the letters "PS".

Why the fuss about these lightweight products? Not to mention the health concerns with polystyrene toxins migrating into the food, it's made from petroleum, a non-sustainable product. Polystyrene is basically an environmental hazard from start to finish, since it takes about 500 years for it to decompose in the environment.

Not only is this a hazard to our landfill, but people often mistake Styrofoam as a recyclable product, causing our facilities to work extra hard in making sure this is sorted out accordingly.

We urge you to say no to polystyrene. Choose not to buy polystyrene products (cups, plates or containers) and seek out alternatives such as paper or even plastic. Thank you for your help in eliminating this product from our recycling stream and our landfill!

The Last Straw

It is estimated that more than 500 million single-use plastic straws are used and thrown away every day in the U.S. alone. Americans use them at an average rate of 1.6 straws per person per day, according to the National Park Service. This translates into 175 billion straws per year!

AB 1884, California's statewide plastic straw ban, took effect January 1st, 2019. The law requires full-service restaurants to provide plastic straws only upon request. All fast food restaurants are exempt.

The purpose of this is to raise awareness about plastic pollution (like straws) getting into our waterways and oceans and harming wildlife. It also helps to curb single-use plastics since plastic straws aren't recyclable.

While forgoing the straw all together is the easiest and most cost-effective method, there are great eco-friendly alternatives to plastic straws:

Disposable: paper, wheat, hay, pasta, seaweed

Reusable: metal, glass, bamboo and silicone

