

Summary of California Recycling Legislation 2021

Bill #	Highlights	Bill Status
<u>SB 343</u>	*Prohibits packaging from including the “chasing arrows” or other recyclability claims unless approved by CalRecycle standards; prompts CalRecycle to produce list of commonly recycled items.	Signed by governor
<u>AB 881</u>	*California would no longer be allowed to count most exported plastic scrap toward its state recycling goals and most future exports are prohibited	Signed by governor
<u>AJR 4</u>	*Urges President Biden to sign on to Basel Convention	Chapters by Secretary of State
<u>AB 1201</u>	*Updates the state's requirements for labeling certain compostable plastic packaging and requires it to be free of intentionally-added PFAS	Signed by governor
<u>SB 619</u>	*Ensures municipalities won't yet be subject to fines in 2022 if they have not fully complied with new organics recycling regulations under SB 1383	Signed by governor
<u>AB 962</u>	*Allows refillable beverage containers to be returned and washed for reuse as part of the state's redemption program, instead of being crushed	Signed by governor
<u>AB 1311</u>	*Allows certified bottle bill redemption centers to change hours based on community need; also allows container bag drops and pays customers electronically	Signed by governor
<u>AB 1276</u>	*Prohibits full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws or foodservice ware unless the customer requests it	Signed by governor
<u>SB 54</u>	*Requires all single-use disposable packaging, including food service packaging, to be recyclable or compostable by January 2032	Tabled for 2021, but advocates predict an updated version could return in 2022
<u>AB 661</u>	*Updates the State Agency Buy Recycle Campaign with new recycled content standards for materials purchased by the state of California	This two-year bill did not pass in 2021, but is expected to return in 2022
<u>SB 289</u>	*Requires producers of batteries and battery-embedded products to establish a stewardship program for collection, transportation and recycling	Held in committee; advocates anticipate bill could return in 2022

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