

Collection Method (CM) Options

[SB 343 \(Allen, Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021\)](#) requires CalRecycle to gather information on how facilities collected material that they accepted or sent to recycling – that is, “collection method.”

Reporting entities must report collection method in the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System (RDRS) starting with the first calendar quarter of 2025. Entities will report collection method by entering the tons associated with different options. Further information about collection method reporting can be found in the presentation from a [May 2024 webinar](#). *Below, this document provides the collection method options for which reporting entities will be required to enter tons.*

Based on Title 14, California Code of Regulations, [18815.2\(a\)\(10.5\)](#) and [18815.9\(l\)](#), CalRecycle has developed several collection method options, falling into a few categories. There are collection method options for:

1. Residential material received from contract haulers
2. Commercial material received from contract haulers
3. Material received from self haulers (i.e., generators)
4. Material received from reporting entities other than contract haulers

The rest of the document provides CalRecycle’s current (as of October 1, 2025) collection method options. For details on how collection method is to be determined (e.g., such as for determining collection method for materials generated through onsite recycling or composting operations), see Title 14, CCR, [18815.9\(l\)](#).

Contract-Hauled Residential Collection Methods

Table 1: Collection method options for residential contract-hauled material.

Display Name	Description
Contract-Hauled Residential Mixed Solid Waste	Residential solid waste collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers. Includes solid waste deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes solid waste hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Residential Single-Bin Recyclables	Residential recyclables collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers in a single container mixing all recyclables. Includes recyclables deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Residential Multi-Bin Recyclables	Residential recyclables that are collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers in <i>at least</i> two different containers, sorted by material type (e.g., glass, metal, and plastic in one bin, and paper in another). Includes recyclables deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Residential Source-Separated Organics	Residential organics, such as food and yard waste, collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers separately from other materials. Includes organics deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes organics hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.

Contract-Hauled Commercial Collection Methods

Table 2: Collection method options for commercial contract-hauled material.

Display Name	Description
Contract-Hauled Commercial Mixed Solid Waste	Commercial solid waste collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers. Includes solid waste deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes solid waste hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Commercial Single-Bin Recyclables	Commercial recyclables collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers in a single container mixing all recyclables. Includes recyclables deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Commercial Multi-Bin Recyclables	Commercial recyclables that are collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers in <i>at least</i> two different containers, sorted by material type (e.g., glass, metal, and plastic in one bin, and paper in another). Includes recyclables deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Contract-Hauled Commercial Source-Separated Organics	Commercial organics, such as food and yard waste, collected from curbside and noncurbside collection systems by contract haulers separately from other materials. Includes organics deposited by generators at a drop-off location and then hauled from there by a contracted party to a reporting entity. Excludes organics hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.

Self-Hauled Collection Methods

Table 3: Collection method options for self-hauled material.

Display Name	Description
Self-Hauled Mixed Solid Waste	Solid waste hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity.
Self-Hauled Mixed Recyclables	Recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity. Recyclables are considered mixed if the reporting entity does not require the generator to sort the recyclables by material type.
Self-Hauled Split Recyclables	Recyclables hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity. Recyclables are considered split if the reporting entity requires the generator to sort the recyclables by material type.
Self-Hauled Source-Separated Organics	Organics, such as food and yard waste, hauled by a generator directly to a reporting entity. <i>This option includes materials delivered by a food waste self-hauler to a reporting entity.</i>
Self-Hauled Source-Separated Wastewater Treatment	Mixed residential and commercial wastewater sent to wastewater treatment plants. Note that if a wastewater treatment plant receives agricultural byproducts or other organic materials that are not wastewater, then these materials should be reported in one of the other collection methods appropriate to the method of receipt, such as contract-hauled commercial source-separated organics.

Reporting Entity Other than Contract Hauler Collection Methods

Table 4: Collection method options for material received from a reporting entity other than a contract hauler.

Display Name	Description
Material Received from Brokers and/or Transporters	Material received from a broker/transporter reporting entity.
Material Received from Recyclers	Material received from a recycler reporting entity.
Material Received from Composters	Material received from a composter, including an in-vessel digester, reporting entity.
Material Received from Transfer/Processors	Material received from a transfer/processor reporting entity.
Material Received from Disposal Activities	Material received from a disposal reporting entity (landfill, transformation, engineered municipal solid waste conversion).