



## SPECIAL EVENT WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

In 2004, the State of California passed Assembly Bill (AB) 2176 which requires SPECIAL EVENTS that serve on average more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation and charge admission to develop a waste reduction and recycling plan.

### DEFINITION “LARGE EVENT”

AB 2176 defines a “large event” as:

1. Serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation (both people attending the event and those working on it—including volunteers—are included in this number; and
2. Charges an admission price or is run by a local agency.

### WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

You as the **event operator** of a “large event” are responsible for **developing and implementing a waste reduction and recycling plan**. The plan must include the following:

1. a. Identify the materials you anticipate will be generated around the event.  
Items typically found at Special Events are: plastic containers marked #1-7, paper, cardboard, metal, foil, CRV's, food waste, and food soiled waste such as paper towels.  
b. Estimate the number of attendees, vendors, volunteers, and employees.
2. Identify the waste hauler who will handle any trash and recycling generated around your event.

The City has two franchised waste haulers, Waste Management and Republic Services. Either waste hauler can provide trash and recycling services for your event. It is up to you to contact them to arrange for these services.

Republic Services 209.466.5192  
Waste Management 209.946.5721

3. Consult with your selected waste hauler about which of your wastes can be recycled and which can be disposed.
4. Educate all vendors and service providers about how recyclables will be separated from the trash and placed in the proper containers.

## WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

5. Ensure adequate trash and recycling containers are placed throughout the event. You must provide one recycling container next to every trash container. Your waste hauler can help you determine the number of containers necessary depending on the estimated attendance.
6. Clearly label the trash and recycling containers so it is clear which materials go into which containers.
7. **Assembly Bill (AB) 939 mandates at least 50% of the materials generated are recycled.** Your waste hauler can help you meet this requirement.
8. Within 30 days of the start of the event, you as the event operator must submit a completed **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN** to the City of Stockton.
9. Within 45 days of the event closing date, you as the event operator must submit a completed **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING POST EVENT REPORT** to the City of Stockton.



**SPECIAL EVENT  
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING POST EVENT REPORT**

This report will help you identify the amount of trash and recyclables generated at your event. Contact your waste hauler to obtain the quantities of trash and recyclables generated in order to complete this form. Staple any weight tickets or documentation received from your waste hauler.

Please complete both forms listed on the front and back of this worksheet. **Please do not leave fields blank.** Blank fields may delay your approval on a future Special Event permit.

Event Operator Name	
Phone Number	
Email	
Name of Event	
Date of Event	
Number of Participants (i.e. attendees, vendors, staff, etc.	2
Description of event	
Description of materials in trash containers (i.e. food, plastic forks, straws)	
Description of materials in recycle containers (i.e. plastic water bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes)	

