

# Stay Informed. Avoid costly fees and penalties for good.

In one year, the EPA collected \$163 million in waste and environmental penalties and fees from U.S. businesses.<sup>1</sup> A simple way of keeping your business from experiencing those unexpected fees is to stay informed on the ever-changing laws that surround your recycling and waste.

Here are some great resources to help keep you up-to-date on recycling and waste regulations.

## Local Regulations City Government

Laws are constantly changing at a local level. In San Diego, businesses faced daily penalties for not properly recycling – the same can happen to your business. Stay proactive by visiting your city government's website for the most up-to-date local information.

Here are some helpful city examples, so you know what to look for when visiting your city's website:

[San Diego](#)  
[Baltimore](#)  
[Fort Lauderdale](#)



It's important to understand how your state regulates recycling and waste. To find your state agency, type **your state name + "Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery"** in your search engine.

## State Regulations Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery

Each state has an agency that manages recycling and waste regulations. Some states more heavily regulate recycling and waste, whereas other states take a more lenient approach.

## National Regulations The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

The RCRA creates legislation that acts as framework for the proper management of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.

Visit [EPA.gov/RCRA](http://EPA.gov/RCRA) for more information.



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1. EPA, Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014. Retrieved from <http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-fiscal-year-fy-2014>

## What to look for:

When visiting these national, state and local websites, here are some items you should keep an eye out for:

- ✓ Potential fines
- ✓ Environmental requirements
- ✓ Regulations
- ✓ Key dates to remember



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides compliance assistance, separated by business sector. Find waste and other environmental regulations for your business at [EPA.gov/Regulatory-Information-Sector](https://www.epa.gov/regulatory-information-sector)

## Want to be able to handle all the evolving regulations?

Your time is precious. We can help preserve it. We understand you may not have the time or resources to stay up-to-date on evolving regulations. As industry leaders, we stay current on all recycling and waste ordinances – nationwide.

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