

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
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Section	Code Change	Significance	Remarks
PART 1 ADMINISTRATION AND DEFINITIONS			
Chapter 2 Definitions	Electrical Vehicle Charger Electric Vehicle Charging Space Electric vehicle Charging Station defined		
	Hot Water Recycling System Defined		
	Hybrid Urinal Defined		
	Universal Waste Defined	Batteries, Electric Devices, Lamps, Cathode Ray Tubes and Aerosol cans have special disposal requirements.	
PART 2 GREEN BUILDING			
301.3.2	The Waste diversion requirements of Section 5.408 now apply to additions and alterations whenever a Permit is required.	Non-Residential additions and alterations no longer exempt from waste diversion requirements.	
303.1.1	Initial Tenant Improvements clarifies that the provisions of CalGreen apply to initial tenant improvements, subsequent tenant improvements shall comply with the provisions of Section 301.3	Clarifies requirements.	
PART 3: RESIDENTIAL MANDATORY MEASURES			
4.106.4.2 4.106.4.2.1 4.106.4.2.2 4.106.4.2.3 4.106.4.2.4	Changes terminology but does not change the requirements for Electric vehicle Spaces	This was included in the report because the bars indicating changes would make it appear that requirements have changed, not just the terminology.	
4.408.1 4.408.4 4.408.4.1	Recycle and salvage for reuse minimum has been increased from 50% to 65%		

4.410.2	Requires readily accessible provisions for recycling when 5 or more multifamily Dwelling Units are constructed on a site.	Provides for a rural exemption.	
4.507	Environmental comfort: updates references to ANSI/ASHRAE, ASNI/ACCA standards		
Part 4: NON-RESIDENTIAL MANDATORY STANDARDS			
Table 5.106.5.3.3	Minimum number of EV charging spaces has dramatically increased.		
5.106.8 Exceptions 4 and 4	Exception to light pollution reduction requirements added for Building Façade lighting and Custom Lighting Fixtures under the alternate materials, designs and features provisions of Section 108		
5.303.4	Food waste disposers are now required to use no more than 1 gpm when is not actively grinding food or automatically shut off after 10 minutes of inactivity.	Note: this code section does not affect a local jurisdictions authority to prohibit or require disposer installation.	
5.408.4	New section specifies required universal waste disposal measures for additions and alterations.		
5.410.1	Adds organic waste to materials to be recycled by occupants.		
5.410.1 Exception	Allows rural jurisdictions to apply for an exemption to the recycling by occupants requirements.		
5.410.2	Indicates that commissioning requirements for all occupancies except I and L shall comply with the California Energy Code as prescribed in Section 120.8.	All I occupancies not regulated by OSHPD and all L occupancies not regulated by the CEC Section 100.0, all requirements in Section 5.410.2 through 5.410.6.2 shall apply.	
5.503.1.1	Requires that all wood stoves be permanently labeled indicating that they are certified to meet new US EPA New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)		

