



## New Compost & Recycling Law for Businesses and Multifamily Properties – Effective January 2022

When compostable materials like food scraps, paper, and plant trimmings break down in landfills, they produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas and contributor to climate change.

A new California state law (SB 1383) will go into effect on January 1, 2022, to help keep compostable materials out of landfills. In Alameda County, the Organics Reduction & Recycling Ordinance will be put in place to help residents and businesses comply with the regulations set by the state. The local law will be implemented through a partnership between the City of Oakland, Waste Management of Alameda County, StopWaste, and Alameda County Environmental Health Departments.



Placing food scraps in the compost bin instead of the garbage helps fight climate change.

### What does this new law mean for my business or multifamily property?\*



All sites must have **compost** and **recycling** collection service. Contact your hauler if you don't already have these services, or think you may qualify for a waiver.



**Compost** and **recycling** bins must be placed next to all garbage bins, including indoors, except in restrooms. Items must also be properly sorted into the bins. Free help and indoor green bins are available.



Large businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—must donate food to food recovery organizations.

For more information or to request free help, visit: [www.StopWaste.org/Rules](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules)  
Español, 中文, 한국어인, & Tiếng Việt > [www.StopWaste.org/rules-languages](http://www.StopWaste.org/rules-languages)

\* Applies to multifamily properties of 5+ units

### Provide Compost and Recycling Containers for Customer Use.



As many prepare to reopen business to the public, remember to provide compost and recycle containers for customer use. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash and be visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked.

Reach out to WMAC to request free trash, compost, and recycling signage.

Create your own customer signage at [RecyclingRulesAC.org/sign-maker](http://RecyclingRulesAC.org/sign-maker)

Request up to \$500 in free indoor compost containers at [RecyclingRulesAC.org/containers](http://RecyclingRulesAC.org/containers)

To order **compost** service, contact:



Waste Management of  
Alameda County, Inc.

510-613-8700  
csnorthbay@wm.com  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

**Recycling** service is open market in the City of Oakland.

Please visit [OaklandRecycles.com/businesses](http://OaklandRecycles.com/businesses) for a list of approved service providers.

## Mandatory Trash, Recycle, and Compost

The City of Oakland Environmental Enforcement Officers are working hard to enforce mandatory waste collection and stop illegal dumping. Together, we can keep Oakland clean. Know the rules:

- All trash and organics generated by your business must be stored in your WM container and serviced weekly (OMC 8.28.140).
- It is unlawful for any person to put waste from their business or home in, on top of, or alongside the street litter containers placed in the sidewalk area. Street litter containers are for use by pedestrians depositing small waste carried by them (OMC 8.29.160).
- It is unlawful for any person to illegally dump or improperly dispose of waste matter (OMC 8.11.310).



### Suggestions to deter dumping on your property:



Install security cameras.



Post "No Dumping & "No Trespassing" signs.



Secure your area.

### WMAC offers two services to reduce illegal dumping for a fee

Contact your recycling provider for their particular options.



Request a WMAC dumpster lock and key for a fee. Contact WMAC for cost.



Request push/pull services (for a fee) to reduce any illegal dumping or improper use of the property's trash or compost containers. Contact WMAC for cost.



Waste Management  
 of Alameda County

510-613-8700

## Ditch Your Disposables and Save!

In partnership with the City of Oakland and StopWaste, ReThink Disposable is working with restaurants and cafes to ditch their disposable foodware and save \$3,000 - \$21,000 a year.

If your business is interested in receiving free technical and financial assistance to switch from disposable to reusable food service ware, please contact us at [Recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:Recycling@oaklandca.gov) or 510-510-238-SAVE(7283).

If you are only interested in reimbursement for your purchase of reusable food service ware that replaces petroleum-based single use service ware, visit [plasticfreerestaurants.org](http://plasticfreerestaurants.org) to submit your request.



*BEFORE and AFTER:*  
 With technical assistance from ReThink Disposables, Cafe Umami replaced their single use disposables with reusables and reduced their annual trash by 928 lbs.

**“Every business should use reusables, it’s a sustainable option. There’s no question or concern about this. It’s just common sense.”**

**Sungsoon Park**  
 Cafe Umami Co-owner