

# Commercial Services Guide

**SB 1383 requires all businesses to subscribe to trash, compost, and recycle service. It also requires businesses set up a sorting system, sort waste correctly, and educate employees at least annually about how to sort right.**

**1. Place color-coded and labeled recycle and compost bins next to all trash bins.**

Visit [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources) for free tools:

- Stickers to label bins
- Indoor green compost bins, valued up to \$500
- Customizable sign maker
- Recycle station set up guide
- Training videos



**2. Sort materials into the proper bins.**

**3. Educate employees, contractors, and tenants about the law at least annually and check bins periodically.**

Access free training videos at [www.stopwaste.org/Rules-Resources](http://www.stopwaste.org/Rules-Resources)

Request a live training with WMAC by emailing [oaklandoutreach@wm.com](mailto:oaklandoutreach@wm.com)

COMPOST	RECYCLE	TRASH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Food Scraps</li> <li>✓ Paper with Food</li> <li>✓ Plant Debris</li> <li>✗ Trash</li> <li>✗ Recycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bottles &amp; Cans</li> <li>✓ Paper &amp; Cardboard</li> <li>✗ Trash</li> <li>✗ Compostables</li> </ul> <p><small>*Refer to your recycle provider for details.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Plastic Utensils &amp; Straws</li> <li>✓ Flimsy Plastic &amp; Food Wrappers</li> <li>✓ Wipes, gloves, masks</li> <li>✗ Compostables</li> <li>✗ Recycling</li> </ul>



## Loose Plastic Film and Bags Can Ruin Recycling & Compost

Plastic film is always **TRASH**

Loose **RECYCLING** only.  
No film or bags.

Clear, untied plastic bags only for **COMPOST**

**Still Not Sure What Goes Where?** Visit [resource.stopwaste.org](http://resource.stopwaste.org) for an online guide for reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal.



**Compost and Trash Collection**  
Waste Management of Alameda  
County, Inc.: (510) 613-8710

**Recycling Collection**

Please visit [Oaklandrecycles.com/services/](http://Oaklandrecycles.com/services/) business to view a list of available recycling service providers.

**MYTH** - My small business does not generate enough compostable materials like food scraps or food-soiled paper to need compost service.

**FACT** - All businesses, even those that don't sell, prepare or manufacture food, need compost service.

Examples of compost items are coffee grounds and filters, and food scraps and food-soiled paper from employees. You can even compost paper towels.

Employee break areas, or anywhere employees are eating, and bathrooms are a great opportunity to capture and divert these organic materials from the landfill. Paper towels and napkins are not recyclable. Compost them!

Local and State regulations require all businesses to compost their food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant debris and recycle all of their paper, cardboard, bottles and cans to slow the impacts of climate change.

Food scraps, paper, and plant debris decomposing in landfills release 20% of climate change causing emissions in California. Composting these items results in finished compost without the emissions.



## Make the Switch to Reusables!

StopWaste and ReThink Disposable are teaming up to help Oakland businesses switch to reusable foodware.



### Better for you

Data shows that reusables save businesses money, even when accounting for labor and water expenses.

### Better for your customers

Food tastes better on real plates and attracts guests that want planet-friendly options.

### Better for the planet

Reusables save water and reduce litter in our communities

### Free reusable foodware and hands on support available now!

ReThink Disposables staff will handle the research, purchasing, delivery and set up. Assistance is available to a limited number of businesses on a first-come first-served basis.



*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

[www.stopwaste.org/reusables](http://www.stopwaste.org/reusables)



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