

Commercial Services Guide

Holiday Trash Spike - Plan Ahead

Order Extra Service

Trash generation rises 25% from Thanksgiving to New Year's. Plan ahead by adding an extra pickup day for trash, recycle, and compost to match your increase.

Call WMAC at 510-613-8700 for an extra pickup when you see your trash containers ready to overflow.



Avoid Contamination and Overfilled Containers

Trash items never belong in Recycle or Compost containers. Overfilled containers and contaminated recyclables and organic material cause problems for the community and environment. Please ensure your tenants and employees are following proper sorting. (See reverse side for sorting guide).

Other ways to prevent overfilling and contamination:



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 at 510-613-8700 for cost.

Reducing Waste at Work

While recycling is great for Oakland, preventing waste by reducing and reusing can be even better. Stop waste before it starts to save your business money. There are many different approaches that can have a big payback. Consider putting some of these tried and true practices to work in your company. Visit <https://www.stopwaste.org/at-work/reducing-waste-at-work> for more details and to browse success stories:



Prevent/Reduce Packaging Waste



Auto Duplex Print



Use Reusable Foodware



Prevent Food Waste

StopWaste has up to \$2,500 to support restaurants switch to reusables.
www.stopwaste.org/reusables

Steps for Business Compliance with City, County and State Compost, Recycle, and Trash Requirements

1. Subscribe to trash, compost and recycle collection services.

- Contact WMAC to set up compost and trash service.
- Choose a recycle service provider and sign up for service. For a list of providers visit www.oaklandrecycles.com/services/business/.
- Not sure where to start? Get free help. Email WMAC at oaklandoutreach@wm.com.



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

- Visit www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources for free tools:
 - Stickers to label bins
 - \$500 to buy indoor green compost bins
 - Customizable sign maker
 - Recycle station set up guide
 - Training videos



3. Sort materials into the proper bins.

4. 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
- Request a live training with WMAC by emailing oaklandoutreach@wm.com

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

Still Not Sure What Goes Where? Visit resource.stopwaste.org for an online guide for reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal.



New Color Bins Being Rolled Out (along with carts gradually)

A new state law (SB 1383) mandates that all curbside collection containers be consistent throughout California (Dark Gray = Trash, Blue = Recycle, Green = Compost). These new color bins and carts are gradually being delivered to businesses throughout Oakland. Until then, continue to use your existing containers. Please refer to the labels on the lids or front of bins for guidance.

