



## NOTICE: New Compost & Recycling Law

To help reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, California state law, SB 1383, will go into effect on January 1, 2022. The new law requires your business to keep compostable and recyclable materials out of landfills.

In the City of Pleasanton, the new state law will be implemented under the Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance, in partnership with Pleasanton Garbage Service, StopWaste, and Alameda County Environmental Health Departments. This law will replace the Mandatory Composting and Recycling Ordinance that has been in place in Alameda County since 2012.

**[INSERT BUSINESS NAME] located at [INSERT STREET ADDRESS 1234 Anywhere Street] in [INSERT CITY] is covered by the new law.**

### What does this mean for my site?

There are four main steps your site must take to comply with the new law. See page 2 for details on each.

- 1** Sign up for compost (organics) and recycling collection service if you don't already have it.  
*Contact the Pleasanton Garbage Service at 925-846-2042 or email [info@pleasantongarbage.com](mailto:info@pleasantongarbage.com) to add the required service.*
- 2** Place color-coded and labeled **recycling** and **compost** bins next to all garbage bins (not required in restrooms).
- 3** Sort materials into the proper bins—recycling, compost, and landfill.
- 4** Educate employees, contractors, and tenants about the law at least annually and check bins periodically to ensure proper sorting.



In addition to the four steps above, some businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—must recover and donate their surplus edible food to feed people.

**Why this new law?** 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. When we place these materials in a compost bin instead of the landfill, we not only reduce methane emissions, we also create compost—a valuable resource for farmers and gardeners to grow healthy food!

**We're here to help.** Our knowledgeable team provides free support to help determine your collection service needs, set up indoor color-coded and labeled bins, establish a food donation program, staff trainings, and support to help your site reduce waste!

Request free phone, virtual, or in-person assistance at [www.StopWaste.org/Request-Help](http://www.StopWaste.org/Request-Help).

**Español (Spanish), 中文 (Chinese), 한국어 (Korean), and Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese):**  
For translated information about the new law, visit [www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Languages](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Languages).

# Steps to Comply with the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance



## Step 1

### Sign Up for Service

All sites must have compost\* and recycling collection service. Free help is available to determine your service and bin size needs for maximum savings.

Already know what you need? Contact Pleasanton Garbage Service at 925-846-2042 to order.



## Step 2

### Set Up Indoor Bins

Compost\* and recycling bins must be placed next to each indoor garbage bin (not required in bathrooms). Bins must be labeled and color-coded: black or grey for garbage, **blue for recycling**, **green for compost**. Free indoor green bins, stickers, and a sign maker tool are available.

*\*Sites with minimal amounts of food scraps, compostable paper, and plant waste may qualify for a compost service waiver.*



## Step 3

### Sort Materials into Proper Bins

Recyclable and compostable materials cannot be placed in the landfill/garbage. Garbage cannot be placed in compost or recycling bins.

**Compost: Food scraps, compostable paper, and plant waste**

**Recycle: Cardboard, paper, bottles, and cans**

*Note: More materials may be accepted in your city.*



## Step 4

### Provide Education & Check Bins

Managers or owners must educate employees, contractors, and business tenants about the law at least annually, check bins periodically, and provide feedback if items are found in the wrong bins.

Business tenants must be informed of the rules no later than 14 days after move-in and at least 14 days prior to move-out.



Free indoor green bins, stickers, a sign-maker tool, training support, waiver information, and more are available at:

[www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources](http://www.StopWaste.org/Rules-Resources)

