City of Palo Alto Recycling and Composting Ordinance

RECYCLING & COMPOSTING ARE NOW REQUIRED IN PALO ALTO

Everyone in Palo Alto is required to comply - including businesses, nonprofit organizations, institutions, property owners/managers (including multi-family residential dwellings), food service establishments and event coordinators.

The City and your refuse service provider (GreenWaste of Palo Alto) offer a variety of free resources and technical assistance including site audits and evaluations, educational materials (e.g., posters, labels, sample articles and emails, presentations), multi-lingual trainings and kitchen buckets (for multi-family dwellings).

To set up collection service or request technical assistance, contact:
GreenWaste of Palo Alto
(650) 493-4894
pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com

4 STEPS TO COMPLIANCE

1. **Subscribe to recycle, compost and garbage service.**

2. **Set up color-coded and labeled containers in convenient locations** for patrons, employees and residents. Dining areas of take-out restaurants, building lobbies and other common areas also must have color-coded and labeled bins.

3. **Train and educate** tenants, residents, employees, contractors and janitors about how to properly sort their waste and to ensure requirements are met.

4. **Sort waste into proper containers.** Compliance includes using containers correctly. Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/rc-ordinance to learn how to sort properly. Enforcement will be based on contamination, which happens when items are not placed in the designated container.



Fees and fines may be incurred in cases of non-compliance.

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Achieving zero waste together

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