



San Francisco Mandatory Recycling and Composting Ordinance

Everyone in San Francisco is required to separate and put their recycling, composting, and trash in the right place.

Your City and recycling company offer a variety of free services and assistance to help you compost and recycle properly. Available to you are kitchen compost pails, container labels, signs, commercial building toolkits, educational materials, multi-lingual trainings, consultations for businesses, and more.

- For help setting up your service and other assistance call Recology Sunset Scavenger (415) 330-1300 or Recology Golden Gate, (415) 626-4000
- For help setting up your zero waste event call SFEnvironment, (415) 355-3700

Businesses

Property owners/managers (of apartments, condos, TICs, food establishments, events etc.):

You are required to provide color-coded, labeled containers in convenient locations: blue for recycling, green for composting, and black for trash. You must also educate tenants, employees, contractors, and janitors on what goes in each container. Food vendors that provide disposable food service ware or to-go containers must have blue, green, and black containers for use by customers and visitors, placed inside near a main exit.

Residential Property Owners

Blue recycling and green composting bins are free with your trash service. You may be able to lower your trash bill by recycling and composting more, and ordering a smaller black landfill bin.

Recology provides apartment starter kits and pails for tenants to collect kitchen food scraps. Food can also be placed in paper milk cartons, paper bags, or wrapped in paper before being placed in the larger green bin.

Renters

Ask your manager to sign up for composting, recycling, and trash service.

Renters can report unresponsive managers by using the anonymous form at SFEnvironment.org/mandatory

Enforcement

Residents and businesses are required to subscribe for adequate trash, recycling and composting service. We strive mainly to educate and assist. Fines may be given only in cases of blatant on-going non-compliance.

Recycling Theft

It is illegal for a third party to mix or take materials out of the recycling container provided by your collector. Please report recycling theft at RecologySF.com or by calling (415) 330-1300.



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