

# Commercial Customer News

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## Is Your Business Committed to Long- Term Sustainability?

*Follow these eco-friendly policies and practices:*

**Eliminate Single-Serve Packaging and Plastic Service Ware** - Remember that, under California law (AB 1276), customers must request single-use accessories like plastic utensils and condiments before you can give them out. Additionally, provide reusable, recyclable, or compostable to-go food containers.

**Incentivize Your Customers to Reuse** - Encourage customers to bring their own reusable containers and cups for takeout - the law allows it! (AB 619)

**Avoid Contaminating the Recycling Stream** - Sort plastic waste properly, Styrofoam®, plastic film/wrap/bags, and online retail plastic mailers belong in the Garbage.

**Educating About Proper Disposal is Now the Law (Senate Bill 1383)** - Educate consistently on the importance of proper sorting by providing the right containers and clear instructions for employees and customers. Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to:

- Visit your business to conduct waste assessments.
- Make service suggestions.
- Provide training, posters, service guides, and internal collection containers.

**NON-COMPLIANCE WILL LEAD TO FINES AND PENALTIES** Commercial businesses must sort **Recyclables** and **Organic** material out of the Garbage.

Visit: [www.CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov) or our website for information about the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinances.



## **SENATE BILL 1383**

### **What Does This State Law Mean For My Business?**

- All businesses and multi-family properties in the City of Milpitas need to have organic waste collection services (**Yard Trimmings & Food Scraps**). Contact MSI to sign up for organics collection services today!
- Large grocery stores and food distribution businesses (among some others) must donate edible food to food recovery organizations (such as food banks) with other food businesses starting in 2024. To find out if you are required to donate excess edible food, visit: [www.sccfoodrecovery.org](http://www.sccfoodrecovery.org).

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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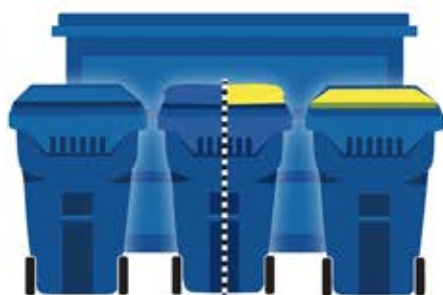
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## The Dual-Stream Recycling Program Means Less Contamination

*The cleanest and most efficient sorting starts with you.*



### USE THE BLUE RECYCLABLES SPLIT CARTS OR DEDICATED CARTS AND/OR BINS FOR:

- Compliance with the City of Milpitas collection program.
- Less contamination to keep recyclables out of the landfill.
- Reduced environmental impacts of landfilled waste.

**KEEP THE STREAM CLEAN!** Empty and rinse or wipe recyclable plastic, metal and glass food containers before placing them in the blue recyclable split or dedicated carts.



**KEEP AN EYE ON SIZE!** Cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller. This creates more space in your container and prevents overloading and litter.



## How Does My Business Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste?

Some small business owners in Santa Clara County may qualify for the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Program. To see if your business qualifies, visit: [HHW.org](http://HHW.org) and look for the Business/CESQG section or call: 408-299-7300.



## Become a Green Business Today!

The Green Business Network certifies businesses that meet program standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution, and minimizing waste.

### Green Business Benefits:

- Saving money and increase profits
- Marketing advantages
- Community goodwill
- Publicity and recognition
- Environmental assistance
- Improving operations through innovations

For more information, call: (408) 282-3180 or visit: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rwr/greenbiz/Pages/Green-Business.aspx>.

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Recycle, Rot, & Donate!

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