



# UNION CITY COMMERCIAL RECYCLE, COMPOST & LANDFILL NEWS



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## SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

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This is a newsletter regarding your recycling, compost, and landfill services. Please visit [RepublicServicesA.com](http://RepublicServicesA.com) for translated versions, or if you have any other questions. Este es un boletín informativo sobre sus servicios de reciclaje, compost y basura. Visite [RepublicServicesA.com](http://RepublicServicesA.com) para obtener más información sobre los servicios de traducción o si tiene alguna otra pregunta. Esta es una copia de su boletín informativo sobre sus servicios de reciclaje, compost y basura. Visite [RepublicServicesA.com](http://RepublicServicesA.com) para obtener más información sobre los servicios de traducción o si tiene alguna otra pregunta. 这是一份关于您进行回收、堆肥和垃圾填埋服务的通讯。请访问 [RepublicServicesA.com](http://RepublicServicesA.com)，查阅翻译版本。如果您想要获得更多关于翻译服务的信息或有任何其他问题，请致电 510.657.3500 联系我们。

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**Union City Recycles**



## California Businesses Are Required to Compost and Recycle

State and local laws\* require Union City businesses to keep compostable and recyclable materials out of landfills. Composting and recycling conserve space in landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### ALL BUSINESSES MUST COMPLY WITH THE LAW

To be in compliance, all businesses must:

- Subscribe to mandatory recycle and compost collection services or have an approved waiver on file.
- Place color-coded and labeled recycle and compost containers next to indoor landfill containers.
- Ensure materials are sorted into the correct containers through periodic inspections and education.
- Inform employees and tenants about the law no later than two (2) weeks after move-in and at least two (2) weeks before move-out.
- Additionally, certain business that generate surplus edible food must recover and donate it to a food recovery organization.
- Learn more about composting and recycling requirements at [StopWaste.org/Rules](http://StopWaste.org/Rules).

### COMPLIANCE MADE SIMPLE

Republic Services is here to help! Dedicated sustainability advisors are available to help your business start or improve its recycling and compost program, comply with State and local laws **and save money!**

**FREE** technical assistance includes:

- A waste assessment to determine optimal service levels and identify cost saving opportunities.
- Trainings for employees, tenants, and/or students.
- **FREE** education materials such as posters and decals.
- Guidance on waiver eligibility requirements and surplus edible food recovery and donation requirements.

Call Republic Services at **510.657.3500** and ask to speak with a sustainability advisor today!

### RECYCLE AND COMPOST COLLECTION SERVICES COST 40% LESS THAN COMPARABLE LANDFILL COLLECTION SERVICE.

Visit [UnionCityRecycles.org](http://UnionCityRecycles.org) for service rates and to learn more about what goes where.

\*Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016 (SB 1383), Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance, Union City Municipal Code Ch. 7.24

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## SB 1383 Food Recovery Requirements

**Landfills are third largest source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, in California.**

California's Organics Reduction and Recycling Law (SB 1383) sets ambitious targets for organic waste diversion from landfills to reduce methane emissions. One crucial aspect of SB 1383 is the requirement for certain food generating businesses to recover surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed of and donate it to feed people in need. Additionally, these sites must have a written agreement with a food recovery organization or service to pick up or receive surplus edible food. Establishing a system to ensure surplus edible food is available for people to eat will not only cut methane emissions, but also help alleviate food security in our community.

### WHO MUST COMPLY?

- **Tier 1:** Large supermarkets (\$2M+ gross annual sales), grocery stores (>10,000 sq. ft.), food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors.
- **Tier 2:** Large health facilities (100+ beds), hotels (200+ rooms), large venues and special events (2,000+ individuals per day), restaurants (>5,000 sq. ft. or 250+ seats), state agency facilities, and public schools.

To learn more about SB 1383 food recovery requirements, find a list of food recovery organizations and services, access customizable templates, and request free technical assistance, visit: [StopWaste.org/Rules/Donate-Surplus-Food](http://StopWaste.org/Rules/Donate-Surplus-Food).

## What Belongs in My Landfill, Recycle and Compost Bins/Carts?

### COMPOST COMPOSTAR · 可堆肥垃圾



#### Acceptable in your compost cart/bin:

All Food Scraps: Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Seafood, Bones, Shells, Dairy & Bread. Yard Trimmings & Untreated Wood. Coffee Grounds, Tea Leaves, Paper Filters & Teabags. Food/Grease-Soiled Paper.



Commercial businesses may use clear bags to line compost receptacles inside their facilities. Plastic bags are prohibited in outside compost carts and bins. Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org) to Learn How to Reduce Food Waste.

### RECYCLE RECICLAJE · 可回收物



#### Acceptable in your recycle cart/bin:

Cardboard & Mixed Paper. Paper Boxes. Metal Cans, Scrap & Trays. Glass Bottles & Jars. Plastic Bottles. Rigid Plastic Containers 1-2.



Keep Recyclables Clean, Dry and Empty. Do Not Bag Items.

### LANDFILL BASURERO · 填埋場垃圾



#### Acceptable in your landfill cart/bin:

Lined Food & Beverage Cartons & Pouches. Plastic Bags & Shrink Wrap. Plastics 3-7 & Plastic Utensils. Styrofoam Products. Broken Glassware & Ceramics. Diapers, Pet Waste & Personal Hygiene Products. Hoses & Wires.



Non-Recyclable and Non-Compostable Items Only. Eliminate Single-Use Plastic Waste by Choosing Durable, Reusable Products.

## StopWaste Regulatory Fee

A StopWaste Regulatory Fee will appear as a separate line item on garbage bills starting July 1, 2026. The small fee funds state-required programs implemented by StopWaste countywide to keep compostable and recyclable materials out of landfills, reduce food waste, recover surplus edible food for donation, and prevent plastic bag pollution.

Learn more: [StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee](http://StopWaste.org/regulatory-fee).

