

# Compliance Made Simple

San José businesses must comply with AB 341 (a state-mandated recycling program), SB 1383 and AB 1286 (state-mandated organics recycling programs) by setting up service and sorting waste material into the correct Wet (organic) and Dry (recyclables and everything else) containers. Customized service is an additional option for businesses that generate large volumes of non-soiled recycling (i.e., plastic bottles, glass, paper, and non-soiled cardboard). Dry and Customized materials are sent to Republic’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the Newby Island Recyclery for sorting and processing. The Wet bin organic waste is first sent to an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility in San José to be processed and converted into electricity, and then sent for further processing into compost. For more information on why sorting is mandatory in San José visit [SJEnvironment.org/CommercialRegulations](https://www.sjenvironment.org/commercialregulations).

## Service Options

Per state and local laws, businesses are directed to sort their solid waste with one of the below options:

### Option 1: Wet and Dry

- Wet (green container with black lid): non-edible food waste, landscape waste, food-soiled napkins & paper towels, food-soiled paper dishware, and food-soiled paper & cardboard
- Dry (blue container with black lid): recyclables and everything else

### Option 2: Wet, Dry and Customized

- Wet (green container with black lid): non-edible food waste, landscape waste, food soiled napkins & paper towels, food-soiled paper dishware, and food soiled paper & cardboard
- Customized (white container with blue lid): non-soiled recyclables
- Dry (blue container with black lid): everything else

Please see the graphics on the other side of this guide for more information.

## Collection Container Sizes

All service options are available in multiple container sizes. Businesses can select the container(s) that best suits their needs:

- Carts: 32, 64, or 96 gallons
- Bins: 1 - 8 cubic yards
- Roll-Off Boxes or Compactors: 10 - 40 cubic yards

For help determining the right container size contact a Sustainability Advisor.

## In-House Receptacles

Per AB 827, businesses are required to have receptacles with signage for employees and customers to dispose of waste. Receptacles are often indoors (e.g., breakrooms, conference rooms, seating areas, etc.), but are sometimes also outdoors (e.g., staff break area, patio seating, etc.). Implementing this at your business is simple.

1. Set up collection container service.
2. Set up receptacles throughout your business that correspond with your collection container service.

3. Label and display posters above or next to the receptacles.
4. Use clear bags when possible to help with sorting.
5. Use Republic Services decals to properly label the containers.

For posters and signage contact a Sustainability Advisor.

## Resources

We’re here to help. Our team offers the following resources:

- A dedicated Sustainability Advisor to determine the correct service level for your business
- Collection that best fits your needs, including multiple container sizes and collection days (up to six per week)
- FREE signage (posters, labels, stickers) to identify “what goes where”
- FREE training for employees and custodial staff
- FREE waste assessments

## Tour Our Facility

Go behind the scenes of your wastes’ journey by scheduling a tour of the Newby Island Recyclery. Tours are offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information and to schedule a tour date please contact **408-432-1234**.

## Zero Waste Tips

Reduce, reuse, and donate—these three words can have a significant impact on the amount of waste your business generates. Before buying or throwing away materials, think about how you can reduce the amount of waste by reusing or donating. For more business source reduction and reuse information, visit [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org).

## Contact Us

Contact Republic Services, Monday-Friday, 8am–5pm with any questions or requests for additional resources. A Sustainability Advisor can provide additional information about service rates, service levels, and how your business can comply with state and local laws.

Phone: **408-432-1234**

Email: [sanjoserecyclingteam@republicservices.com](mailto:sanjoserectingteam@republicservices.com)

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San José

# Business Collection Services Guide



Sustainability in Action



# WET

## Organic Material

Place accepted material in the green container with the black lid. Non-soiled and non-organic recyclables are not accepted in the container.

### YES

- Non-Edible Food Waste
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Food-Soiled Paper & Cardboard
- Food-Soiled Napkins & Paper Towels
- Paper Cups & Plates
- Paper Take-Out Food Containers
- Landscape Waste



### NO

- Glass
- Plastics
- Non-Soiled Cardboard
- Non-Soiled Paper
- Treated Wood
- Metal
- Latex Gloves
- E-waste
- Hazardous or Medical Waste
- Construction Debris
- Helium/Propane Tanks



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# DRY

## Recyclables and Everything Else

Place accepted material in the blue container with the black lid.

### YES

- Cardboard
- All Plastics
- Styrofoam
- Packing Materials
- Glass (minimal amounts)
- Carpet & Padding
- Compostable Plastics
- Face Masks
- Clean Wood
- Scrap Metal



### NO

- Non-Edible Food Waste & Food-Soiled Paper
- Treated Wood
- Landscape Waste
- E-waste
- Hazardous or Medical Waste
- Construction Debris
- Helium/Propane Tanks
- Large Amounts of Glass



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# CUSTOMIZED

## Recyclables

Place accepted material loosely in the white container with the light blue lid. Material must be empty and clean.

### YES

- Non-Soiled Cardboard
- Non-Soiled Mixed Paper
- Non-Soiled Rigid Plastics
- Non-Soiled Glass
- Empty Bottles & Cans
- Scrap Metal



### NO

- Non-Edible Food Waste & Food-Soiled Paper
- Treated Wood
- Landscape Waste
- E-waste
- Hazardous or Medical Waste
- Construction Debris
- Helium/Propane Tanks
- Non-Recyclables (e.g. Packing materials, Carpet & Padding)



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