

Los Altos Quarterly Commercial Newsletter



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REDUCING FOOD WASTE, TRASH and Best Practices for Enhancing All Recycling Practices

Managing waste is a critical aspect of running a successful commercial business. Whether you operate a restaurant, retail store, office, or manufacturing facility, managing food waste, general trash, and recyclables efficiently can save money, enhance sustainability, and improve your company's reputation. Implementing best practices in waste management not only benefits the environment but also ensures compliance with state & local regulations. A well-structured waste management plan benefits both the bottom line and the environment, making it an essential aspect of modern commercial operations.

Managing Food Waste Effectively

- Food waste is a major concern for businesses in the hospitality, grocery, and food service industries. Poor food waste management can lead to increased costs, regulatory fines, and environmental damage.



Here are a few effective strategies:

- Train employees on proper food handling and portioning techniques to minimize excess waste. Encourage kitchen staff to repurpose ingredients and leftovers creatively.
- Monitor excess trash. This can lead to increased disposal costs and environmental harm.
- Encourage customers to bring their own bags, cups, or containers where applicable.

IMPORTANT STATE LAWS

(What are they and why are they in place)

- AB 341 Mandatory commercial recycling – 2012
- Reduce organic waste by 75% by 2025 compared to 2014 levels.
- SB 1383 Short-lived climate pollutants reduction act -2016
- SB 343 Prohibits the use of recycle symbols and resin identification codes (RIC) unless the packaging meets certain criteria-2021
- AB 1276 Single use plastics accessories and condiments - 2022
- Only provide single use plastic items i.e., utensils, straws, condiment packets upon request.
- SB 54 Plastic pollution prevention and packaging producer responsibility act - 2022
- Reduce single use plastics by packaging and require manufacturers to cut plastic production 2032.
- Limit the use of chasing arrows that can be misleading to consumers.

UPCOMING EVENTS



44th Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival

July 8 - July 9
Main and State Streets, Los Altos



Los Altos Farmers Market

Opens May 1, 4-8pm
Main and State Streets



62nd Downtown Los Altos Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 10:00am – noon
Downtown

Living Electric Fair

May 4th, 11am-3pm
Main and State Streets



Remember the Five R's: **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose and Recycle.**

Inclement weather will ruin the recycling.

Please make sure to do the following before discarding any recycling materials:

- Break all boxes down flat to save on air space.
- Make sure all carts & bins are filled to the "water-level."
- Close carts & bin lids tightly to ensure all moisture is kept out.



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**There will be NO CHANGES to
your pick up schedule for
Memorial Day, May 26, 2025.**

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