

Mission Trail Waste Systems

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In today's eco-smart world, sustainability isn't just a "bonus"—it's a business essential. Companies that weave green thinking into daily operations don't just help the planet; they inspire loyalty, attract eco-minded customers, and often save money along the way.

Here's your upgraded, action-packed guide to reducing waste and making a lasting positive impact—inside and outside your office walls.

1. Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Reimagine

Sustainability isn't just a checklist, it's a mindset. Look for ways to eliminate waste before it even starts.

- Go paper-light: Use cloud-based tools, e-signatures, and digital whiteboards. If you must print, make it double-sided and choose recycled paper.
- Make meetings greener: Swap printed handouts for QR codes linking to agendas or presentations.

2. Say Goodbye to Single-Use – Forever

The breakroom is a big culprit for unnecessary waste.

- BYO Cup & Bottle: Encourage staff to bring reusable mugs, bottles, and utensils. Make it fun with a "Cool Reusable Gear" contest.
- Ban the bottle: Replace bottled water with filtered refill stations and branded reusable bottles for employees.

3. Shop Smart, Buy Better

Your purchasing power is a tool for change.

- Bulk up: Buy office snacks, coffee, and supplies in bulk to cut packaging waste.
- Choose the champions: Source from suppliers that are certified sustainable or have zero-waste goals.
- Eco-friendly packaging: Use compostable, recyclable, or reusable shipping materials whenever possible.

4. Repair, Refresh, Repurpose

Before tossing, try transforming.

- Give Tech TLC: Repair computers, phones, and printers before replacing them. Partner with local repair shops or tech schools for low-cost fixes.
- Creative reuse: Turn old binders into organizers, scrap paper into notepads, and outdated banners into tote bags.

5. Make Recycling Unavoidable

Recycling should be easy, obvious, and engaging.

- Three-bin rule: Place clearly labeled bins for recycling, compost, and landfill in all high-traffic areas.
- Visual cues: Use bold colors and photos of what belongs in each bin (and what doesn't).
- Feedback loop: Share monthly reports on how much waste the team diverted from landfills.

6. Engage and Inspire Your Team

Sustainability sticks when people feel part of the mission.

- Green challenges: Run monthly competitions—like "Zero-Waste Lunch Week" or "Most Creative Upcycle."
- Recognition matters: Celebrate employees who go above & beyond for the planet.
- Learn together: Host short "green talks" or invite local environmental groups to speak.

Bottom line: Every step—big or small—adds up to a business that is lighter on the planet, stronger in brand reputation, and richer in community impact. Start with one change today, and watch the momentum grow.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Downtown Whiskey & Bites Stroll

9/12/25 6pm-9pm

Downtown Los Altos

Main and State Streets

Corvette Spectacular

9/21 8am-3pm

Downtown Los Altos

Main and State Streets



A BOO-tiful Downtown Halloween

10/31 12pm-4pm

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20th Annual Holiday Stroll

11/14 5pm-9pm

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Main and State Streets

SB 1383

SB 1383 requires that clean streams of organic material be collected, recovered, and recycled into new end-products like compost or biofuel. The quality of the end-product is determined by the quality of the material collected, so residents and businesses must properly sort materials, and jurisdictions must monitor containers for contamination. The law allows jurisdictions the option of offering three, two, or one-container collection systems, which provides flexibility in aligning collection programs with local waste processing facility infrastructure.



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<http://www.missiontrail.com/LosAltos/commercial-servicesdebris.html>

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