

# Business Recycling & Composting Requirements

The City of Seattle prohibits businesses from putting recyclables and compostables in the garbage.

**NOT ALLOWED IN GARBAGE**

**Paper**



**Cardboard**



**Food**



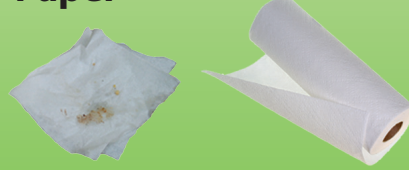
**Cups**



**Cans**



**Paper**



**Jars**



**Bottles**



**Yard Waste**



**COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS  
EFFECTIVE JULY 2014**

**COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING REQUIREMENTS  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015**

**SMC 21.36.082**

The presence of significant amounts of recyclables and/or compostables in commercial garbage is illegal (\$50 fine).

Take steps to reduce waste and improve your recycling and compost programs.

For more information and to request free resources to improve your recycling and compost programs, contact the Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program.

**GreenBusiness@Seattle.Gov | 206-343-8505  
www.seattle.gov/util/greenyourbusiness/reducewaste**



# Recycling & Composting Tips



- **Prevent Garbage:** Avoid using disposable items. Instead use reusable, recyclable and compostable items.
- **Compost & Recycle:** These two services are 30-50% cheaper than garbage service.



“I throw out the same amount of material. I just put it in different bins and save money. @SeattleGreenBiz”

**MORE GARBAGE AND LESS COMPOSTING & RECYCLING MEANS HIGHER DISPOSAL COSTS**

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**LESS GARBAGE AND MORE COMPOSTING & RECYCLING MEANS SMALLER DISPOSAL COSTS**

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## Recycling Tips

### Workplace Recycling

- Clearly label collection bins. Use signs that show where items specific to your workplace go.
- Place all three collections bins (recycle, compost, and garbage) together in a central location.
- Place bins in the kitchen where they will be used, such as near prep stations and dishwashing stations.
- Use durable items to serve food.

- Ask suppliers about recyclable or compostable products and products that have less packaging.
- Contact your collection service provider to learn which items can be recycled or composted.
- Teach staff how to sort the specific items used in your kitchen.

### Collection Service

- Reduce your garbage service if your container is not full. Don't pay for empty space.
- Lock dumpsters or carts in high traffic areas to prevent illegal use of your containers.
- Recycling more can save you money. Contact a service provider to order service.
- Contact the service providers below for collection service.

## Collection Service Providers



**RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES**  
GARBAGE | RECYCLING | COMPOSTING  
206-250-7500  
info@recologycleanscapes.com



**WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
GARBAGE | RECYCLING | COMPOSTING  
800-592-9995  
recyclenw@wm.com



**REPUBLIC SERVICES**  
RECYCLING | COMPOSTING  
206-332-7777  
infoseattle@republicservices.com



**CEDAR GROVE**  
RECYCLING | COMPOSTING  
877-994-4466  
help@cgcompost.com



**SEADRUNAR**  
RECYCLING  
206-467-7550  
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