

Business Recycling

About half of the waste stream in Alameda County comes from business, industry, and institutions. Through technical assistance and a mandatory recycling ordinance, StopWaste is working to reduce the amount of recyclable and compostable materials sent to landfill from the county's 18,000+ businesses.

Mandatory Recycling Ordinance

Most businesses and multi-family properties in Alameda County are required to:

- Have organics and recycling collection service in addition to garbage service.
- Sort their waste into the proper containers (businesses only).
- Inform their employees, tenants, and contractors of the law and how to properly recycle and compost.

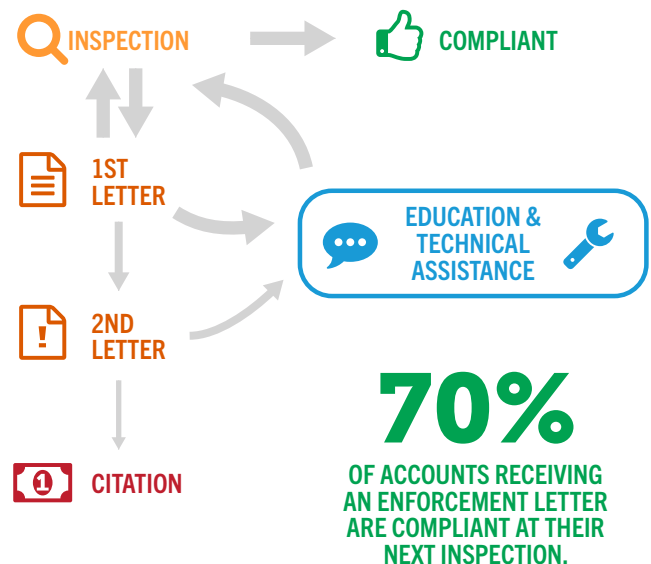


Enforcement as Education

The ordinance has a multi-step inspection/enforcement process that is coordinated with haulers and cities. Education is emphasized, with two letters sent to account holders before issuance of a citation or fine. Most violations are for no recycling/organics service or improper sorting.

Free Technical Assistance

- On-site waste assessments with customized reports include service recommendations and projected cost savings or impacts
- Staff training and coordination with haulers
- Bin placement and signage
- More than 850 businesses helped in FY16-17
- Free indoor food scrap bins
 - Up to \$500 / business
 - 600 sites supplied in FY16-17



Visit RecyclingRulesAC.org for more information about the ordinance.