

# ZERO WASTE

Santa Cruz County  
GreenWaste Recovery

## News

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Commercial Customers

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## DOES STATE LAW REQUIRE A FOOD DONATION CONTRACT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

SB 1383 requires some food businesses to participate in edible food recovery to feed hungry people and keep food out of the landfill. Tier One and Tier Two Food Generators must:

- Donate the maximum amount of edible food to a food recovery organization (food bank, food pantry, soup kitchen) that would otherwise be disposed to a landfill,
- Maintain records of food donations on site, and
- Sign a written food donation contract with a food recovery organization.

Second Harvest Food Bank has generously agreed to hold food donation contracts on behalf of Second Harvest affiliated food recovery organizations in Santa Cruz County. This will simplify contract management for food donors, streamline food donation reporting for food recovery organizations, and centralize record keeping for food donors, food recovery organizations, and local governments.



## Tier-One and Tier-Two Food Generators are Mandatory Food Donors

### Tier-One Food Generators

- Supermarkets gross annual sales >\$2 million
- Grocery stores >10,000 sq. ft.
- Food distributors
- Wholesale food vendors

### Tier-Two Food Generators

- Restaurants 250+ seats/>5,000sq.ft.
- Hotels with food facilities and 200+ rooms
- Large venues and events serving 2,000+ people
- Health facilities 100+ beds
- Local education agencies w/ on-site food facility

Contact Darcelle Pruitt by email [darcelle.pruitt@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:darcelle.pruitt@santacruzcounty.us) or phone at (831) 454-2970 for information on your food donor status. Contact Second Harvest Food Bank at [fooddonations@thefoodbank.org](mailto:fooddonations@thefoodbank.org) or call Miles Klieman at (831) 274-9480 for contract information and to sign a contract.



Remittance Address:  
GreenWaste Recovery, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

We at GreenWaste "Think Differently" and appreciate your suggestions and comments. Please call us today and let us know how we are doing at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at [www.greenwaste.com](http://www.greenwaste.com)







# What Goes in Your Commercial Organics Carts or Bins?

Need help training your team on organics recovery or just need signs to explain what goes in each bin? Send us an email at [zerowaste@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:zerowaste@santacruzcounty.us) to request signs. For on-site training call Green Waste Recovery at (831) 426-2711 to schedule an appointment time.

## CART REFRESH

Collect wash water in a bucket. Pour water into cart and spray sides with your DIY All-Purpose Green Cleaner (recipe provided) in your reusable spray bottle. Use a mop or broom to clean the cart. Dump out contents and let dry in the sun before using. Don't forget the baking soda before loading up the cart for the next pick up.

*All-Purpose Green Cleaner*  
 3 parts water  
 1 part vinegar  
 (cuts grease, deodorizes, lifts dirt)  
 1-2 tsp lemon juice  
 (disinfects)  
 5-7 drops lemon essential oil  
 (eliminates unwanted odors)



## RIGHT-SIZE YOUR SERVICE



**Trash down? Recycle up?  
Organics just right?**

Call Green Waste (831) 426-2711 for a Waste Audit to "Right Size" your waste service! Do your own Waste Audit to be sure your team is placing the correct items in the correct bin or cart.

## COOKING OIL

**Need cooking oil service?!**

Call SeQuinsa at 1-800-447-3794.

Please remember to keep the lid closed to prevent debris from cluttering the screen.



## 25-CENT CUP CHARGE UPDATE

We hope you are starting to save on your cup inventory! Has your waste gone down because people are bringing their own cups? Are you spending less on single-use cups and selling branded reusable cups instead? Do you need a new cup charge poster for your window? Please email

[zerowaste@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:zerowaste@santacruzcounty.us) or call (831) 454-2160 to share your story, or request a poster to be delivered by mail or emailed for you to print.

Please remember to charge separately for cups, and record your collection of the 25-cents for the month of January 2023. Reporting paperwork will go out to businesses in early February 2023.



## HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Collection does not occur on Thanksgiving Day November 24, Christmas Day December 25, or New Year's Day January 1, 2023. If an observed holiday falls on a regular collection day, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day.



### NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26



### DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



### JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

