



Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables, Organics, & Garbage.**

Commercial Customer News

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CITY OF SAN RAMON ORDINANCE 525: Polystyrene Foam Food Packaging & Foodware Ban

Polystyrene foam foodware, commonly known as Styrofoam®, is environmentally harmful, not recyclable, toxic to wildlife, and can take up to 500 years to decompose.

- The ban applies to food vendors, including restaurants, cafes, food trucks, and grocery stores.
- **Enforcement begins January 1, 2025.** Vendors have until the end of this year to deplete their current stock of polystyrene foam foodware.
- The City encourages vendors to transition to reusable dishware or fiber-based compostable alternatives. **BONUS: Reusable dishware enhances the dining experience and reduces waste disposal costs.**



NEED HELP? For assistance transitioning to reusable or fiber-based compostable foodware, contact City staff at SREnvironmental@sanramon.ca.gov. For more info about Ordinance 525, please visit CityofSanRamon.info/PolyFoamBan.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROPERLY SORT YOUR WASTE!



ORGANICS

Fiber-based serviceware that is made of something that was once alive.



GARBAGE

Rigid plastic serviceware often labeled "compostable" or "bioplastic".*

*"Compostable" or "biodegradable" plastics do not completely decompose in a windrow composting environment.

TRASH-FREE IDEA!



Are Reusables Right for Your Business?

Reusable transport packaging ("Reusables") replace limited-life transport packaging, saving money and resources.

REUSABLES ADVANTAGES:

- Lower shipping costs.
- Efficient product handling, & distribution.
- Improved product protection, worker safety, & storage efficiency.

Visit: UseReusables.org to find out if reusables are right for you!

Holiday Service Reminder

There will be no change to the collection schedule during the weeks of Columbus Day and Veterans Day. During Thanksgiving week, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be one day late.

NOVEMBER 25 - 30, 2024					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Thu. 28	Fri. 29
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 25	Tue. 26	Wed. 27	Fri. 29	Sat. 30

Are You Compliant With State Mandated Regulations?

ALL SAN RAMON BUSINESSES MUST SUBSCRIBE TO ADEQUATE SERVICE LEVELS FOR RECYCLABLES, ORGANICS, & GARBAGE.

Commercial businesses must prevent **RECYCLABLES** and **ORGANIC** material from being placed in the garbage and have collection services for these materials in place. Visit SanRamonRecycles.com/sb1383, CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp, or SanRamon.ca.gov/SB1383 for info about SB 1383's mandatory organics recycling requirements.

Reduce costs by maximizing your **RECYCLABLES** and **ORGANICS** services and reducing **GARBAGE** service. Visit: CalRecycle.ca.gov/Recycle for more info about the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinances.

We Can Help You Improve (or Start) Your Recycling Program Today! Our Sustainability Specialists will visit your business to:

- Conduct waste assessments.
- Make service suggestions.
- Help train staff and tenants.
- Provide service guidelines, posters, brochures, internal collection container options, and more.



More helpful links and resources for businesses are available at: SanRamonRecycles.com/commercial/resources.



BLUE = RECYCLABLES



GREEN = ORGANICS



GRAY = GARBAGE



Does a Landscaping Company Take Away Your Yard Trimmings?

WE WANT TO KNOW!

CalRecycle requires businesses to provide written documentation from the landscaper that the material is being hauled to a facility that composts it to receive AB 1826 compliance.

- For more information about AB 1826 compliance visit: CalRecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/FAQ/#Compliance (Section B-Business; question 48).
- Download and fill out the Landscaper 1826 Compliance Form. Visit SanRamonRecycles.com/commercial/forms for more information.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES/TENANTS! This newsletter can be downloaded and printed from our website: SanRamonRecycles.com/commercial/resources.



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