

Amador Valley Industries

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Senate Bill 1383 Enforcement & Violations

Senate Bill 1383 requires businesses to properly sort garbage, recycling, and compost and provide on-site training, indoor containers, and signage. Enforcement of these rules is a collaborative effort between StopWaste, the city, AVI, and the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health.



Warnings (a “Notice of Violation”) are given before a citation is issued. Fines are issued every 60 days for non-compliance and range from \$50 to \$500 per violation. If you receive a letter regarding SB 1383 compliance, visit StopWaste.org/rules/enforcement-and-violations to correct your violation and prevent future fines.

Tips for Success!

1. **Sign up for recycling and compost collection services or have a waiver on file.**
2. **Set up indoor bins.** Color coded and labeled recycling and compost bins must be placed next to all garbage bins (not required in restrooms).
3. **Label all containers.** Make sure there is signage on how to sort recyclables and compost near the containers.
4. **Sort Materials into the proper bins.** Owners/managers must ensure materials are sorted correctly into garbage, recycling, and compost.
5. **Inform staff and contractors about proper sorting at least annually.** Check bins regularly, e.g. monthly, and provide feedback if materials are found in the wrong bin.



Resources for Setting up Your Disposal Area

StopWaste provides information and resources to help you set up your disposal area for success. Resources include a sign maker tool to create custom signage and free stickers to label bins. To view these resources, visit: Stopwaste.org/rules/set-up-indoor-bins.



Resources for Recycling

StopWaste has free videos, workbooks, guides, signs and other useful materials online, including a list of vendors that supply indoor bins for recyclables and food scraps. To view these resources, visit: Stopwaste.org/rules/resources.



Free Assistance and Resources



AVI offers the following free technical assistance and resources to help you set up and maintain a convenient and effective recycling and compost program.

- Waste assessments to determine your compost waste collection service needs.
- Cost savings estimates.
- Program setup & staff trainings.
- Ongoing support to help you maintain your program.
- Recycling and compost posters and container decals.
- Free indoor recycling bins and food scraps bins (supplies limited).



Monitoring Your Program for Success

Providing recycling and compost collection significantly changes how employees are expected to handle the trash, and they will need encouragement and reminders to establish these new habits. Try to resolve problems on an on-going basis.

On a regular basis, report back to employees on their progress. Charting the quantities collected each month and sharing comparisons with previous months helps employees to appreciate the results of their efforts. Keep this information as timely and concise as possible.

Once established, the recycling and compost program will not require much time to coordinate. Your personnel will soon see recycling and compost as just another part of their routine maintenance responsibilities. The benefits will continue for your business, your bottom line, and the environment.



Reducing Waste at Work

By stopping waste before it starts, you can reap even more benefits and cost savings than recycling alone. There are many different approaches that can have a significant payback including:

- Switching to reusable transport packaging options.
- Replacing disposable food-ware with reusable alternatives.
- Using less paper.
- Reducing wasted food.



Switching to reusable packaging benefits the bottom line and the environment.

Visit the following site to learn about local success stories and see what companies are doing to put tried and true practices to work to effectively reduce costs and waste.

StopWaste.org/at-work/reducing-waste-at-work

Interested in Learning More?



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