

UNIVERSAL ZERO WASTE ORDINANCE

HOW DO NEW REQUIREMENTS AFFECT ME?

WHY NEW REQUIREMENTS?

Business Toolkit



**RECYCLE. COMPOST. LANDFILL.
EVERYWHERE YOU GO.**



ZeroWasteBoulder.com

New zero waste requirements affect all residents, businesses, property managers and special events in Boulder in 2016.



By June 2016, **property owners** are required to:



Provide recycling and compost hauling services to all tenants.

By September 2016, **businesses** are required to:



Recycle and compost;



Post zero waste signs; and



Educate employees about what items go where.

Boulder is a sustainability leader in many ways, yet we send more than two-thirds of our waste to the landfill. As a community, we get very little value out of burying trash in the ground—in fact, we pay to do it. We know from cities like Portland and San Francisco that we can use resources more wisely, clean up our community and power a vibrant future. So let's get started!

TODAY

Boulder businesses recycle and compost 28% of their waste.



2025

All Boulder businesses recycle and compost 85% of their waste.

HOW TO COMPLY



STEP 1: COLOR CODE BINS

Purchase containers for recyclables and compostables from a local retailer or online. Choose color-coded bins to help your staff and customers properly sort materials. Aim to choose green for compostables, blue for recyclables and black or grey for landfill.

Get a discount

Adding new recycling or composting service? The city will rebate up to 50% of the cost of new bins, up to a total rebate of \$1,000.

Need to expand your collection bins to comply with requirements? The city will rebate 50% of the cost of additional bins, up to a total rebate of \$500.

To take advantage of rebates, fill out the appropriate rebate form at zerowasteboulder.com or contact the city with questions.

ASSISTANCE & MORE

Read more about the ordinance, find compliance and training resources, and learn about free advising and financial incentives at:

ZeroWasteBoulder.com



STEP 2: SET UP BINS

Place bins for compostables in:

- Kitchens, dining areas and other locations with large food waste streams; and
- Bathrooms and other locations that produce paper towels and tissues.

Place bins for compostables and recyclables in:

- Public spaces, meeting rooms, shared office spaces and near personal work stations.



STEP 3: HANG SIGNS

Free stock signs

Email zerowaste@bouldercolorado.gov to request the type and number of signs you would like, or download stock signs from ZeroWasteBoulder.com.

Free custom signs

The city will make custom signs with pictures of items found at your business. Email zerowaste@bouldercolorado.gov. Be prepared to submit photos for your signs.



STEP 4: TRAIN EMPLOYEES

Train your current staff, future employees and custodial staff about zero waste at your business. Contact the city if you would like additional assistance and training support. At your training:

- Review recycling and composting guidelines from your hauler;
- Do a walk-through with staff and point out new bin locations and signs; and
- Designate a staff zero waste ambassador to help train new employees.

**WE'RE
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HELP**

Contact the City of Boulder
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