



# Official Notice: Business Food Scraps Requirement

**Your business is required to compost food scraps by March 31, 2023.**

The City of Portland is requiring food-generating businesses to collect food scraps separately from garbage. This is part of a region-wide policy to keep food out of the landfill and turn it into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertilizer for farms.

## What's required

1. Set up **compost service** with a garbage company.
2. Set up **internal containers with labels** showing what goes in compost (food only).
3. **Put all food scraps\* in compost** instead of garbage.

\*This requirement does not apply to public or customer-facing areas of your business. It only applies to food scraps handled by employees.



## Support and tools

Find out how to set up compost and where to get free containers and labels at [www.portland.gov/compost-guide](http://www.portland.gov/compost-guide).

Our staff are here to help. Contact us at 503-823-7202 or [wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov).

Don't wait until the last minute: You'll need time to get quotes for compost service, set up containers and signs, and train staff. If you're under contract with a garbage company, review the contract language and end date, it may limit your ability to negotiate service costs.

## Questions?

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## More information

**If your business already composts food scraps**, then you meet the requirement.

If you're interested in food donation or reducing food waste in purchasing, preparation, and storage, go to [www.foodwastestopswithme.org](http://www.foodwastestopswithme.org) or contact us.

**Fines** are \$200 to \$600 for every month your business does not compost, starting March 2023.

**Property managers** must allow you to set up compost service. If your property manager provides garbage service, they must also provide compost service if asked.

**Not a food business?** If your business does not sell, serve, cook, assemble, or process food, contact us to find out if this requirement applies to you.

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A partir del 31 de marzo de 2023, se requerirá que su negocioa destine los desechos alimenticios al compostaje.

从 2023 年 3 月 31 日起，您的企业将需要对餐厨垃圾进行堆肥处理。

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Начиная с 31 марта 2023 г., от вашего предприятия потребуются компостирование пищевых остатков.

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