



Official Notice: Business Food Scraps Requirement

Your business is required to compost food scraps by September 30, 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.

Our staff are here to help. Contact us at 503-823-7202 or 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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