

# SF Buidling - Zero Waste Guide

## Blue Recycling Bin

**Accepts:** empty plastic/glass bottles, empty cans, plastic cups and lids, dry cardboard and paper products.

**Not for:** single-use coffee cups, food waste, plastic bags or cling wrap, used aluminum foil.

**Too big to fit?** Breakdown your cardboard boxes flat before taking them out.



## Black Landfill Bin

**Accepts:** chip bags, food wrappers, plastic bags and cling wrap, plastic straws and utensils, broken glass, latex gloves, used tape.

**Not for:** plastic bottles, paper, cans, or food waste.

**Too big to fit?** Single-use coffee cups need to go in the landfill bin in the nearest breakroom or lobby.



### Why do we have three different garbage cans?

To comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1826. SB 1383 established a statewide target to achieve a 50% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. AB 1826 requires businesses to divert their organic waste to compost.

### Why is the landfill caddy in my office so small?

A 2015 audit of CSU East Bay's waste found 53% was compostable, and 27% was recyclable. With about 80% of campus waste being compostable or recyclable, there isn't a need for large landfill bins in campus offices.

### Why don't I have a compost bin in my office?

Office waste tends to be mostly recycling, which is why your office has a large, blue recycle bin and a small, black landfill caddy. Organic waste bins are kept in centralized areas on campus where food is most prevalent - like break rooms and dining establishments - to reduce odors and pests that can result from poorly handled organic waste. Placing organic materials in the blue or black bin in your office will contaminate the entire waste stream, so please dispose of organic materials in the green bins around campus.

### What do I do if I see a custodian putting sorted waste into a single bin?

The Office of Sustainability is piloting a "Zero Waste" project in the SF building. During this pilot, we are working directly with Facilities Development & Operations to make sure the building has the proper waste infrastructure, all occupants are trained on zero waste practices, and custodial staff are educated and equipped to properly dispose of the three waste streams. If you notice a custodian mixing waste streams, please contact the Office of Sustainability and we'll be sure to share your concerns.

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