

## Business Recycling

About half of the waste stream in Alameda County comes from business, industry, and institutions. Through technical assistance and a mandatory recycling ordinance, StopWaste is working to reduce the amount of recyclable and compostable materials sent to landfill from the county's 18,000+ businesses.

### Mandatory Recycling Ordinance

Most businesses and multi-family properties in Alameda County are required to:

- Have organics and recycling collection service in addition to garbage service.
- Sort their waste into the proper containers (businesses only).
- Inform their employees, tenants, and contractors of the law and how to properly recycle and compost.



 **18,000+**  
COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS

 **7,200+**  
MULTIFAMILY ACCOUNTS

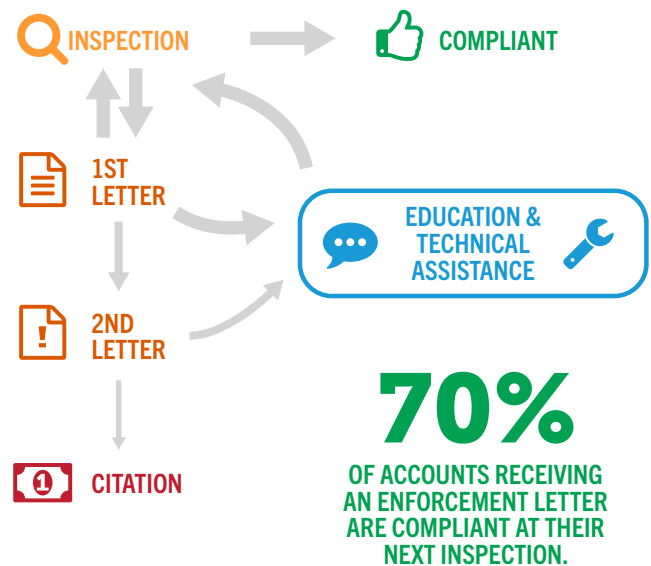
 **51,000+**  
INSPECTIONS SINCE 2013

### Enforcement as Education

The ordinance has a multi-step inspection/enforcement process that is coordinated with haulers and cities. Education is emphasized, with two letters sent to account holders before issuance of a citation or fine. Most violations are for no recycling/organics service or improper sorting.

### Free Technical Assistance

- On-site waste assessments with customized reports include service recommendations and projected cost savings or impacts
- Staff training and coordination with haulers
- Bin placement and signage
- More than 850 businesses helped in FY16-17
- Free indoor food scrap bins
  - Up to \$500 / business
  - 600 sites supplied in FY16-17



Visit [RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://RecyclingRulesAC.org) for more information about the ordinance.