

Sent March 31, 2022

## OFFICIAL NOTICE: BUSINESS FOOD WASTE REQUIREMENT

This letter is to inform you of a new ordinance that applies to your business and the free support available to help you reach compliance. **By March 31, 2023**, your business will be required to separate food scraps for compost rather than garbage. This requirement is being phased in over the next two years starting with the largest food scraps producers.

This region-wide requirement will keep food scraps out of the landfill and put it to better use as an energy source and nutrient-rich fertilizer for farms, all of which help reduce our climate impact.

### What is required?

1. Set up and maintain **food scraps collection service**. To get started, do one of the following:
  - Contact your franchised garbage and recycling service provider  
([www.oregonmetro.gov/hauler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/hauler))
  - Contact a Clackamas County recycling specialist ([contact info](#) below)

In most urban communities in Clackamas County, there is no additional cost for food only service. It is already included in your cost of garbage service.

2. Set up and maintain **internal bins with clear labels** ([free signage and stickers are available](#)).
3. **Put all food scraps\* in the compost bin** instead of into the garbage.

*\*This requirement does not apply to waste disposed of by the public or customers. It only applies to food scraps handled by employees.*

### Free support and tools

Find out how to set up a program, request free internal bins and labels, and learn what is allowed in the food bin at [www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste).

Clackamas County's Sustainability & Solid Waste program has been designated by the cities of Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, Milwaukie, West Linn, and Wilsonville to provide notification, free materials, support and education to assist businesses with this new requirement.

Do not wait until the last minute – you will need time to set up and train staff, and our team will respond on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Questions?

We are here to help. Contact a Clackamas County recycling specialist at 503-742-4458 or email [greenbiz@clackamas.us](mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us).



## More information

### If your business already composts all food scraps

You meet the requirement! We'll just want to hear from you that you are all set up. If you are interested in food donation or ways to reduce food waste, go to [foodwastestopswithme.org](http://foodwastestopswithme.org) or contact us.

### Property managers

Property managers must allow you to set up food scraps collection service. If your property manager provides garbage service, they are required to also provide food scraps service, if requested.

<b>English</b>	By March 31, 2023 your business will be required to separate food scraps for compost rather than garbage. Visit <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> to learn about the requirement and free assistance for your business. Connect with us if you have any questions: <b>503-742-4458</b> or email <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a> .
<b>Español (Spanish)</b>	Antes del 31 de marzo de 2023, su negocio deberá separar los desechos alimenticios para compostar en lugar de colocarlos en la basura. Visite <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/reciclaje">www.clackamas.us/reciclaje</a> para obtener más información sobre el requisito y asistencia gratuita para su negocio. Comuníquese con nosotros al <b>503-742-4458</b> o por correo electrónico a <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a> si tiene alguna pregunta.
<b>(Korean)</b>	2023년 3월 31일까지 귀 사업장은 퇴비용 음식물 쓰레기를 일반 쓰레기와 분리해서 배출해야 합니다. 이와 관련한 자세한 방침은 <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> 에서 볼 수 있으며 귀하의 사업장을 위한 무료 지원도 제공합니다. 질문이 있으면 다음으로 연락해 주십시오. 전화: <b>503-742-4458</b> 또는 이메일: <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a> .
<b>Русский (Russian)</b>	К 31 марта 2023 года ваше предприятие должно будет утилизировать пищевые отходы не как мусор, а как компост. Посетите веб-страницу <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> , чтобы узнать о требованиях и бесплатной помощи для вашего предприятия и обратиться к нам, если у вас есть какие-либо вопросы: по телефону <b>503-742-4458</b> или по электронной почте <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a> .
<b>บทสรุป (Thai)</b>	ภายในวันที่ 31 มีนาคม 2023 ธุรกิจของคุณจะต้องแยกเศษอาหารเพื่อใช้ทำปุ๋ยหมักแทนที่จะทิ้งเป็นขยะ เยี่ยมชม <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> เพื่อเรียนรู้เกี่ยวกับข้อกำหนดและความช่วยเหลือสำหรับธุรกิจของคุณโดยไม่มีค่าใช้จ่าย และติดต่อเราหากคุณมีคำถามใด ๆ ก็ตาม: เบอร์โทรศัพท์ <b>503-742-4458</b> หรืออีเมล <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a>
<b>中文 (Simplified Chinese)</b>	截至2023年3月31日，要求贵企业将食物残渣作为堆肥而非垃圾分离开来。访问 <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> 了解针对贵企业的要求和免费协助。如果您有任何问题，请与我们联系：致电 <b>503-742-4458</b> 或发送电子邮件至 <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a> 。
<b>Việt Nam (Vietnamese)</b>	Đến ngày 31 tháng 3 năm 2023, doanh nghiệp của quý vị sẽ phải chia riêng phế liệu thực phẩm để làm phân hữu cơ thay vì thải bỏ. Truy cập <a href="http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste">www.clackamas.us/recycling/foodwaste</a> để tìm hiểu về yêu cầu và trợ giúp miễn phí dành cho doanh nghiệp của quý vị và kết nối với chúng tôi nếu có <a href="mailto:greenbiz@clackamas.us">greenbiz@clackamas.us</a>

Download or request free materials at [www.clackamas.us/recycling/workplacetools](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/workplacetools).