



## CITY OF MILLBRAE

### Food Business Environmental Program Requirements

#### 1- Garbage Service Requirement overview:

- A. **Garbage service is mandatory, failure to sign up is a violation of the City's Municipal Code Title 6-15.130 and your business will be subject to a citation.**
- B. Recycling service is mandatory for all businesses that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of garbage per week, per Assembly Bill 341. Businesses in Millbrae that subscribe to garbage collection service through South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc. receive unlimited recycling service at no additional cost (the cost is already included in trash service fees). Please contact the South San Francisco Scavenger Company at (650) 589-4020 to sign up for service.
- C. All businesses must subscribe to organics recycling collection service per Senate Bill 1383. Food scraps/organics collection is provided at a cost and includes food scraps, food-soiled paper, wax-coated paper and cardboard, and yard trimmings. SB 1383 was incorporated into the Millbrae's Municipal Code §6.45.030 and the city will begin assessing citations to noncompliant businesses January 1, 2024. Please contact the South San Francisco Scavenger Company at (650) 589-4020 to sign up for service or contact us if you feel you qualify for an exemption.
- D. Businesses must ensure they have adequate access to recycling and organics recycling service for their employees, contractors, customers and tenants, including supplying and allowing access to an adequate number, size and location of containers with sufficient labeling and the appropriate bin color.
- E. Businesses shall annually provide information to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers about waste diversion requirements and about the proper sorting of waste. Businesses must prohibit their employees from placing organic waste and recyclables in the wrong bins. Businesses are responsible for educating their employees, contractors, tenants, and customers on properly sorting organic materials into the correct containers. Regular outreach from businesses to employees, contractors, tenants, and customers is required in order to maintain an awareness of proper sorting.

#### 2- Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance overview:

The City of Millbrae amended the adopted Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance No. 785 on May 24, 2022. The new Ordinance changes are summarized below:

- A. Food facilities cannot **offer** single-use foodware accessories **except** at drive-throughs and public airports.

- B. Open bins/containers for consumers to grab-and-go are no longer allowed for distribution of accessories. Consumers must request them from the food operator and/or food facilities can have them available at refillable dispensers that dispense accessories one item at a time.
- C. Food facilities are allowed to use self-serve, refillable, bulk condiment dispensers to distribute condiments.
- D. You can learn details on the San Mateo County Foodware Aware Program visiting <https://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/foodware/facilities/>. You will also find a purchasing guide with detailed information.

### **3- Edible Food Recovery:**

Edible food recovery is the act of diverting surplus edible food from businesses, organizations, or events that otherwise would have been disposed of for consumption by members of our community. If you are a large, food-generating business or organization you have new edible food recovery requirements under SB 1383. City of Millbrae participates in San Mateo county-wide edible food recovery program

Visit <https://www.smcsustainability.org/generator-edible-food-recovery-requirements> to learn if your business has new edible food recovery requirements, the countywide program, and resources available to help you comply.

### **4- Water Conservation**

On July 25th, 2023, City Council adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), Stage One.

Under Stage One, the only required demand reduction actions apply to landscape water use restriction or prohibition. Landscape water use is limited to Graywater and Customer Conservation to Drip, Low Volume Irrigation.

We appreciate any additional voluntary efforts to reduce water consumption.

For more information on water conservation and the City of Millbrae's adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan please visit the following link to our website:

<https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/342/Water-Conservation>

#### **Additional resources:**

- Learn about Small Business Programs offered by the Office of Sustainability - County of San Mateo, which can help you with reducing your energy and resource consumption, becoming a certified green business, and funding and financing opportunities for future projects. Visit <https://www.smcsustainability.org/energy/small-business-resource-center/> or call (628) 222-3034.
- **Commercial Hazardous Waste Information:**

Please visit <https://ssfscavenger.com/com-haz-waste/>