Be a Green Business Leader



Join Washington County's Green Business Leaders program! We help your business reduce waste, save money and time, and create a healthy, productive workplace and community.

Our program offers:

- Help with setting up recycling and composting systems
- Free recycling and composting bins and signs
- Ideas to help employees learn about waste prevention, recycling and composting
- Guidance to meet requirements and set sustainability goals
- A green business certification

In Oregon, we love businesses that love the environment. Being a Green Business Leader means your business is a valued part of the community.

Contact us for free support, training and supplies.

- WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GreenBusiness
- @ Recycle@WashingtonCountyOR.gov
- (D) 503-846-3605



Business Requirements

State and local regulations require businesses to separate food scraps, reduce plastic waste and recycle!

Here's what you need to know:



Food waste

Most food businesses are required to separate food scraps for compost collection.



Plastic bags

Providing single-use plastic grocery bags to customers is prohibited. Charging a small fee is permitted for paper or reusable bags.



Plastic straws

Provide by request only or ask customers if they would like one.



Polystyrene food containers

Serving food or beverages in polystyrene or Styrofoam to-go containers and cups is prohibited.



Recycling

All businesses in Washington County are required to recycle paper, cardboard and plastic containers.

