



## Preventing Pests

Due to SB 1383 regulations on organic recycling, more organic material & food waste will be separated from the waste stream and processed for reuse. Without the proper handling, things can get messy! Use these tips to keep odors and pests from becoming a nightmare for your business.

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### Keep It Dry

Drain away any extra liquid from food waste. For outdoor food waste bins, ensure rain does not enter the bin.

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### Keep It Sealed

Ensure all waste bins, including the blue recycling and gray waste bins, are closed tightly at all times.

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### Keep It Clean

Frequently rinse food waste bins with soap and water. Baking soda can be added to eliminate lingering odors.

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### Use Compostable Bags

Include a compostable liner (newspaper or a brown paper bag) to package food scraps for disposal.

- Pests will be attracted to and multiply in areas that provide food, water, and shelter. Food facilities can inadvertently create the perfect home for mice, rats, cockroaches, and flies by improperly disposing of food waste.
- Separating organic material from the blue and gray bins will help keep the rest of the trash clean and odor-free.
- If pests have already become a problem, consider a more frequent waste pick-up schedule or additional food waste bins.
- Also consider a regular pest management service to manage concerns and prevent infestation.

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