

Road to Zero Waste - Food Service Establishments

(Restaurants, Bars & Grocery Stores)



Commercial Recycling Ordinance

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Single-Use Plastic Straw & Stirrer Ban

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Public Litter Receptacles

Place an equal number of recycling receptacles with proper city approved labeling.

Single-Use Plastic Accessories by Request

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Commercial Collection Frequency

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Commercial Food Waste Collection & Diversion

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City of Gainesville Zero Waste

The City of Gainesville has set a goal to go Zero Waste by 2040. To reach this goal, the city has enacted several ordinances designed to reduce consumption, increase recycling opportunities, and improve community aesthetics.

Businesses are encouraged to rethink their waste and recycling practices to divert materials from landfills. Please review these ordinances to ensure that your business meets compliance.

For more information, visit: [GainesvilleFL.gov/ZeroWaste](https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste)



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