

# Being green can help your business stay in the black

## Free and Low-Cost Environmental Services for Businesses



*"By highlighting the practices we employ in running Elixir, the products we serve, and the actions people can take to make a difference, we communicate change on a daily basis in a casual, yet influential environment. As a neighborhood bar, I feel it is our responsibility to effect the neighborhood in as many positive ways as we can."*

- H. Joseph Ehrmann, Proprietor

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**SF Environment**  
Our home. Our city. Our planet.  
A Department of the City and County of San Francisco

## Save Money and Benefit Your Business & Community

Resources and grants may be available. Please contact program area or contact us at  
[SFEnvironment.org](http://SFEnvironment.org) [environment@sfgov.org](mailto:environment@sfgov.org) (415) 355-3700



### RECYCLING & COMPOSTING ... (415) 355-3745

- Free on-site assistance to help your business reduce waste and implement recycling and composting programs. Assistance may include free containers, outreach materials, and staff/management training.
- Businesses participating in the recycling and composting programs can receive up to a 75% discount on their disposal costs. Discount applied to variable rate only.

### ENERGY ..... (415) 355-3769

- Free on-site assistance to help reduce your energy bill.
- Free technical assistance to help you size and price solar systems and evaluate installers' bids. Call 415-355-3715.
- Free on-site assistance to advise you about financial assistance, rebates, and tax incentives.

### TOXICS REDUCTION..... (415) 355-3766

- Low-cost drop-off of fluorescent lamps, pesticides, paints, batteries, leftover janitorial products, and other chemicals.
- Free assistance for choosing less-toxic cleaning products.

### GREEN BUILDING ..... (415) 355-3718

- Priority permitting for high-performance green buildings.
- Free technical assistance to help green your building.
- Low-cost monthly green building tours.

### CLEAN AIR..... (415) 355-3734

- Commuter Benefits saves your employees 30-40% on transit passes. A \$100 Bart ticket only costs about \$70 and a \$45 MUNI Pass only costs about \$27. Call 415-355-3727.
- Free Emergency Ride Home for employees who use public transit, carpool, bike or walk to work.

### WASTE COOKING OIL COLLECTION ..... (415) 695-7366

- Donate your used fryer oil to power MUNI buses and City fire trucks through SFGreasecycle ([sfgreasecycle.org](http://sfgreasecycle.org)).
- Free City-wide collection of cooking oil from SF food service establishments. Weekly, monthly and as-needed scheduling.
- Containers provided free of charge to accommodate tight kitchens.

### WATER CONSERVATION..... (415) 551-4730 (SFPUC) [www.sfwater.org](http://www.sfwater.org)

- Free water conservation audits to identify leaks and suggest efficiency improvements tailored to your business.
- Cash rebates for water-efficient toilets, urinals, washing machines, restaurant equipment, and other water-saving devices and processes, as well as free devices including pre-rinse valves, showerheads, and flow restrictors.



### Green Business Program:

San Francisco's Green Business Program sets stringent environmental criteria, provides technical assistance, and promotes enrolled businesses with a seal that enables customers to shop in line with their values.

[sfgreenbiz.org](http://sfgreenbiz.org) (415) 355-3758

