

Zero Waste Tips for Dorms

Living in a dorm means being close to your friends and classes but it also means that you need to figure out what to do with your own waste. Don't worry, we're here to help!



Within or near every building on campus, you'll find black landfill bins, blue recycling bins, and green compost bins.

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Food

Eliminate to-go waste with an **Eco-box membership** for all meal plan holders! Ask for one in the dining halls, use it, then trade it in for a clean, new one.
Visit Dining's Meals To Go [webpage](#) for more information.

Use **re-usable items** like: mason jars, water bottles, reusable utensil set & more!
FYI: tap water is delicious and safe to drink on campus!

Make sure to put all food scraps and compostable items into the **green bins** around campus.



Room

Coordinate with roommates before purchasing shared items to prevent over buying and waste.

For cleaning, use **reusable cloths** instead of paper towels: try using scrap cloth that would otherwise be waste.



Lifestyle

Utilize a **reusable hand towel** instead of using paper towels for hand drying.

Thrift for needed items at one of the many thrift stores in Santa Cruz!

Use **reusable bags** for shopping, storage and for every day needs. There are great reusable canvas and mesh options, sadly plastic bags are not recyclable.

Don't put plastic garbage bags in recycling or compost bins, rather empty contents in bin and landfill the plastic bag.

