

Case Study: Compliance Review, Recycle & Compost Program Installation, Tenant Training

Nearon Enterprises

Multiple
Facilities,
Northern
California



Nearon Enterprises, a real estate development, property management and investment company in Northern California, wanted to bring eight of its multi-tenant office properties into compliance with recycle and compost programs. Several properties did not have the required compost program installed, bins were not properly labeled, and tenants needed training in proper material sorting. Additionally, a multi-tenant downtown retail property needed to accommodate the trash needs of a new large tenant and Nearon wanted to expand the shared trash program to include all tenants.

For the eight multi-tenant office properties, Synergis – Zero Waste Group visited all tenants at each property, brought them into compliance, implemented compost programs for food waste and paper towels, trained all tenants and janitorial/porter staff on proper material separation, optimized bin placement in tenant spaces, labeled all bins, adjusted bin sizes and service days, and reduced costs by over \$2,000 per month. At the downtown retail property, a waste survey was conducted for all tenants, enabling us to reallocate the enclosures to trash, recycle or compost, so that all tenants could share the enclosures. For the incoming large tenant, discard volumes were estimated based on discussions with the restaurant staff. All tenants were trained on proper material separation. Bin quantities, sizes and service schedules were adjusted, and a single consolidated trash account was created. **At the conclusion of the project, all trash programs were in compliance, tenants were properly trained, bins were properly labeled, service levels were fine-tuned, and trash costs were reduced.**