

# **AUDIT PROTOCOL**

REFUSE SEPARATION COMPLIANCE ORDINANCE (RSO) No. 180646

### **General information**

- Applies to all Large Refuse Generators (LRG) as defined by the RSO
- Audits are random and conducted at least once every three years per each LRG
- Audits include all three streams (recycling, composting, and trash)
- Audits are visually based and include both written and photographic documentation
- Audits that find any of the three streams with volume contamination levels exceeding the levels in the table below
  are subject to audit failure

	Compostables	Recyclables	Trash
Maximum allowed levels of contamination	5%	10%	25%

- Auditor will use their best professional estimate in evaluating the volume of contamination in determining a "pass" or "fail"
- For audit results that are at a borderline failure level, clear evidence of consistent material source separation is also taken into consideration in determining audit failure

## Audit procedures for the following collection containers types

#### **Roll-off compactors**

- Contents emptied off-site at processing facilities
- Auditor will inspect both bagged and loose material
- Photographic documentation taken of the quality of the load and any contamination present

### Un-compacted front-loading and rear-loading containers

- Audits performed at customer's location
- Auditor will inspect both bagged and loose material
- Photographic documentation taken of the quality of the load and any contamination present

### Front-load compactors (FEL)

#### Trash FEL

- Audits conducted off site
- Auditors will inspect both bagged and loose material
- Photographic documentation taken of the quality of the load and any contamination present

#### Recycling and Composting FEL

- Audits conducted off site with same process as for trash compactors or may be based upon review of vehicle mounted camera recording systems
- Auditors will inspect loose material
- Photographic documentation taken of the quality of the load and any contamination present

### Rolling bins up to 96-gallons

- Audits performed at customer's location
- Auditor will inspect bagged and loose material
- Photographic documentation taken of the quality of the load and any contamination present





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Ordinance text and more information: SFEnvironment.org/zerowastefacilitator