

San Francisco Refuse Separation Ordinance July 2019

Large Refuse Generators (LRG):

Get an Audit or Get a Fine?



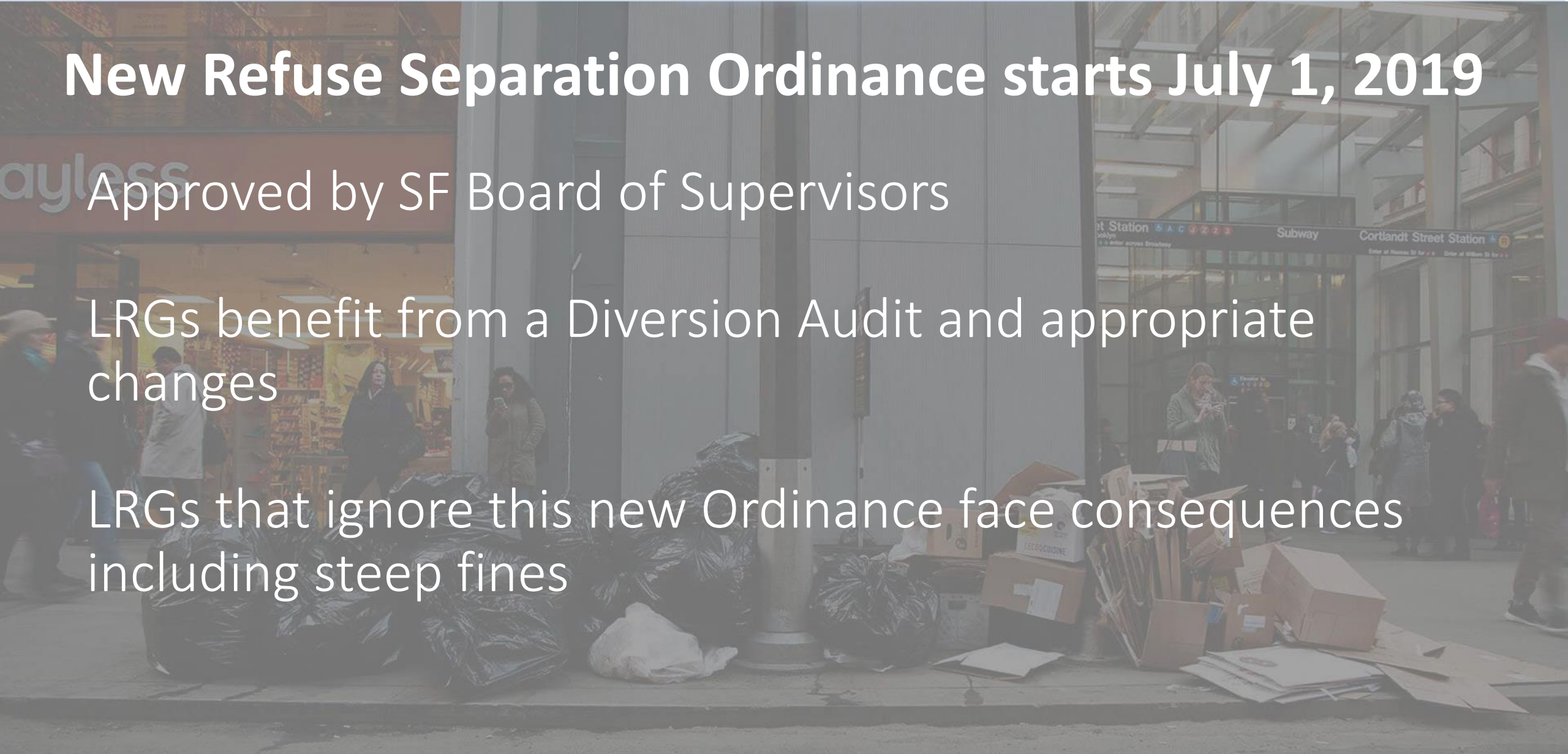
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New Refuse Separation Ordinance starts July 1, 2019

Approved by SF Board of Supervisors

LRGs benefit from a Diversion Audit and appropriate changes

LRGs that ignore this new Ordinance face consequences including steep fines



LRG Definitions

2 Yard Compactor =
6 Yards Compacted



(3:1)

2 Yard Bin =
2 Yards Uncompacted



(1:1)

32 Gallon



= .16 yd.

64 Gallon



= .32 yd.

96 Gallon



= .48 yd.

Ordinance Requirements



3 Years

- Waste audit every 3 years in compliance with the City of San Francisco's Mandatory Recycling and Composting [Ordinance](#).



Per Week

- Large Refuse Generators or 40 cubic yards of uncompact refuse (recyclables, compostables, and trash) per week.



Audits

- Audits must involve Department of the Environment or Recology personnel.

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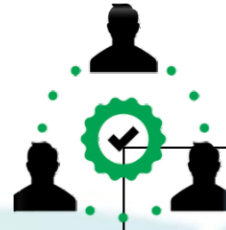
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Passing Audits

Contamination lower than

- 5% for compostables
- 10% for recyclables and
- 25% for trash



Failed Audits

- Failed properties needs to hire a qualified Zero Waste Facilitator.



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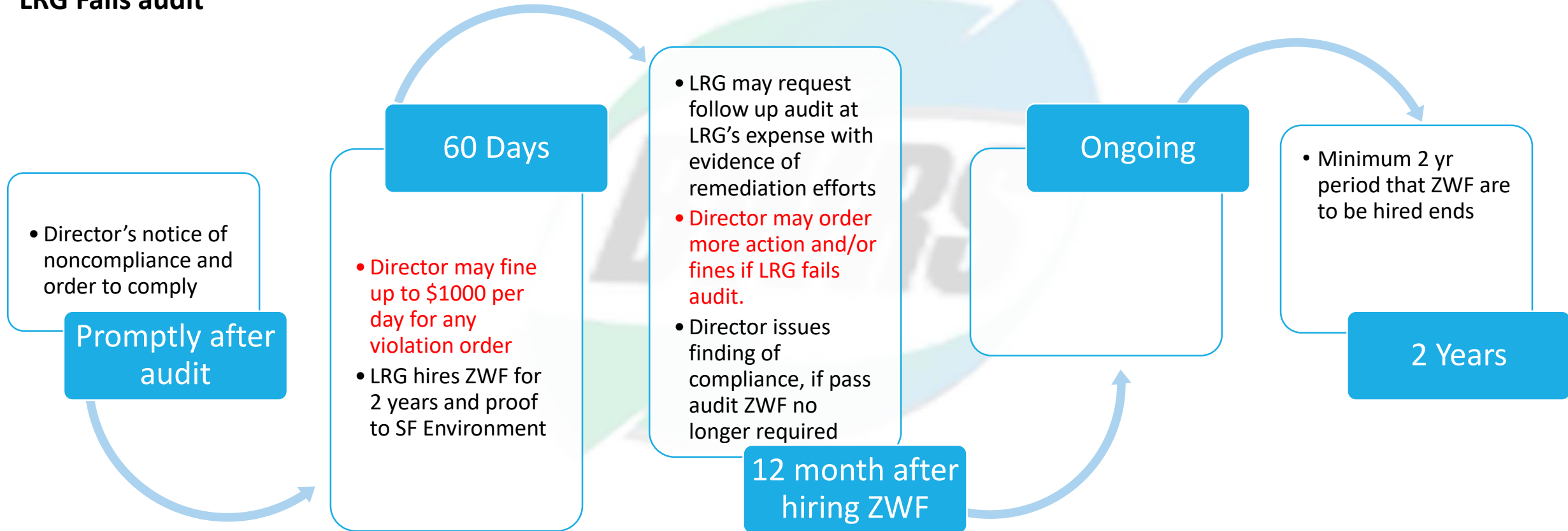
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Zero Waste Facilitator

BWRS is a Zero Waste Facilitator (ZWF) specializing in account management for commercial & retail buildings. BWRS assists clients to reach a goal of ZERO WASTE. The Department of the Environment (SF Environment) keeps an updated list of known Zero Waste facilitators indicating which have had training conducted by the Department.

Refuse Separation Ordinance Timeline

LRG Fails audit



Sorter

- Your current sorter most likely will not be enough to pass inspection.
- One sorter can get through about 300,00square feet of normal office refuse.
- It takes about 4 to 6 minutes to sort one single large trash bag.
- The better the tenants sort, the quicker we can sort.
- Small plastics like wrappers and creamers slow down the sorters.
- Bags that contain broken glass are not sorted and placed in landfill bin.



Large Refuse Generators (LRG) Diversion Audits

Large Refuse Generators in San Francisco should have a recycling, composting, and trash audit to ensure compliance with the Mandatory Recycling and Composting Ordinance.

An audit involves the City (SF Department of the Environment) or Recology visually inspecting, photographing, and documenting recycling, composting, and trash container contents to determine if the property is compliant.

Learn more [here](#).

Recycling Audit



- What a Recology Diversion Auditor looks for when they audit commercial recycling bins
- Common contaminants found in the recycling

Compost Audit



- What a Recology Diversion Auditor looks for when they audit commercial compost bins
- Common contaminants found in the compost

Trash Audit



- What a Recology Diversion Auditor looks for when they audit commercial trash bins
- Common recoverable items found in the trash



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Refuse Separation Ordinance: Large Generators and Zero Waste Facilitators



FAQ for Property Owners and Managers

The [Refuse Separation law](#) will increase compliance with San Francisco's mandatory recycling and composting requirements by auditing the refuse (compostables, recyclables, and trash) of large producers (Large Refuse Generators), and requiring them to engage staff ("Zero Waste Facilitator") to ensure adequate material separation, when necessary.

Read the SFEnvironment [FAQ](#) to learn more.

LRGs are defined as accounts that have a roll-off compactor or at least 40 cubic yards of uncompacted refuse (recyclables, compostables, and trash) per week.

When any compactor is used, the volume of compacted refuse shall be multiplied x3 to determine actual volume collected.

An audit involves the City (SF Department of the Environment) or Recology visually inspecting, photographing, and documenting recycling, composting, and trash container contents.

The 2019 Refuse Separation Ordinance requires LRGs in San Francisco to have a recycling, composting, and trash audit every 3 years.

Pass the audit when the contents of your recycling, composting, and trash containers are found to have levels of contamination lower than:

5% for compostables

10% for recyclables

25% for trash.

Contamination is defined as unacceptable materials found in a designated container. There is a no-tolerance policy for electronic waste (E-waste) or Hazardous Waste.

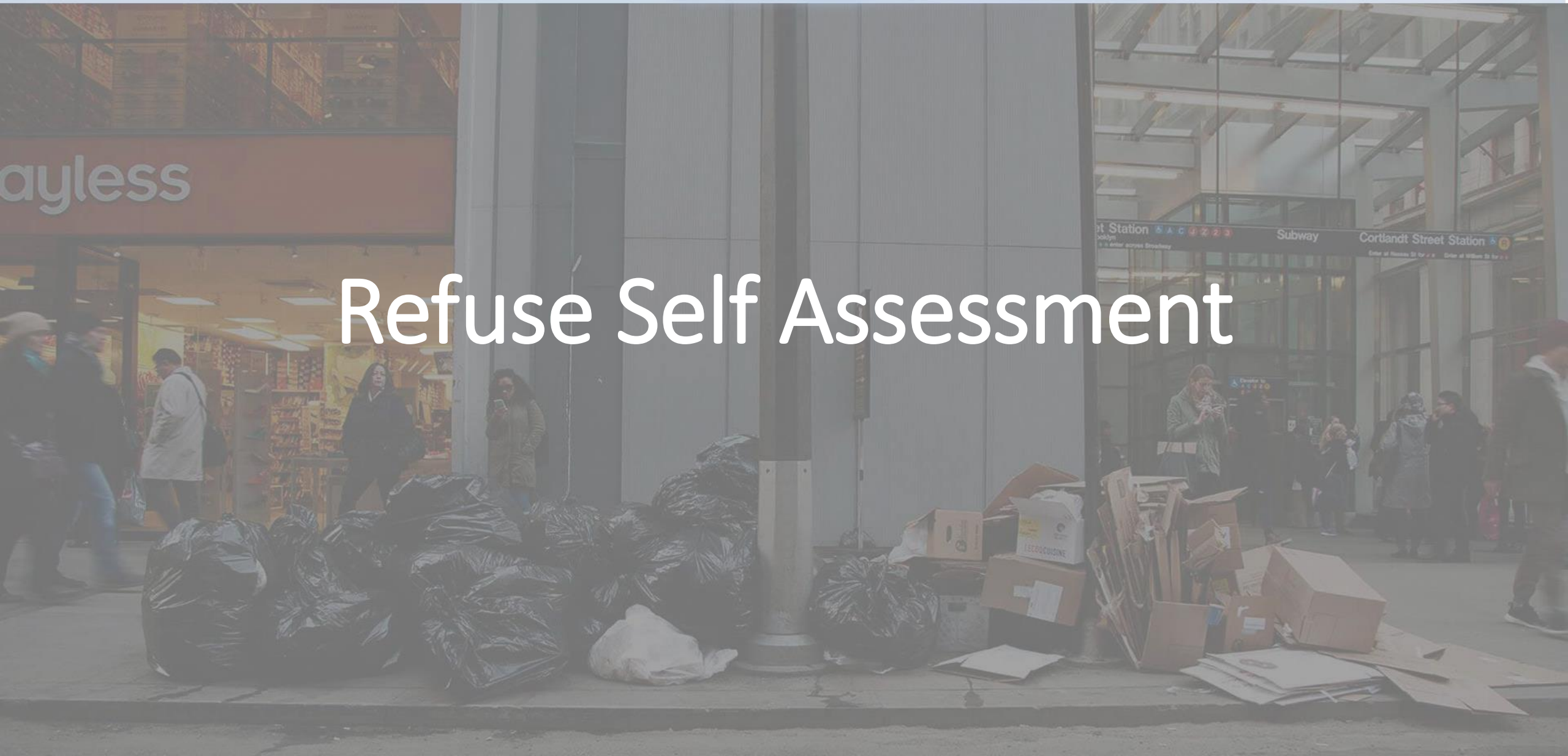
Audit fails require you to hire a Zero Waste Facilitator.

ZWF service may include sorting materials into their proper containers and educating property managers and/or tenants on separation. Failure to hire a ZWF could result in substantial fines.



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Refuse Self Assessment



In order to help Large Generators succeed in passing their waste audits, Recology has compiled a 'Self-Assessment' process.

Download the [Self-Assessment Form](#) (in English, Spanish or Chinese) and watch a tutorial video here:

<https://www.recology.com/recology-san-francisco/recycling-legislation/>