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.

Eliminate to-go waste with a FREE 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.

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.

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

Set up 3 bins in your room to make organizing waste easy.

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

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