



Attention Businesses in Alameda County*

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING ARE THE LAW.

Property owners/managers, businesses, and institutions may be cited and possibly fined for the following violations:



1. Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and collection frequency for recyclable materials.
2. Disposing of the following recyclable materials in the garbage: cardboard, newspaper, white paper, mixed recyclable paper, recyclable glass food and beverage containers, metal (aluminum and steel) food and beverage containers, PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles.
3. Disposing of garbage in recycling and/or organics containers. Only recyclable materials may be placed in recycling containers and only organics may be placed in organics containers.
4. Failure to provide information at least annually to employees, tenants, and contractors describing how to properly use the recycling, organics, and garbage containers, as well as no later than 14 days after move-in and no less than 14 days prior to move-out.



Businesses and institutions **that generate significant quantities of organics (food scraps, compostable paper, and plant debris)**—such as restaurants and grocery stores—may also be cited and possibly fined for:



5. Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and collection frequency for organics.
6. Disposing of organics (food scraps, compostable paper, or plant debris) in the garbage.



Note: quantities of organics are considered “significant” when 10 or more gallons of organics are disposed of in a garbage cart or 20 or more gallons of organics are disposed of in a garbage bin.

MORE RESOURCES

www.RecyclingRulesAC.org

Ordinance Help Line: (510) 891-6575

- Contact information for your hauler & city.
- Free posters, decals, sample letters & more.
- Request a phone consultation, on-site waste assessment, or staff training. Services are free of charge to businesses.

FREE INDOOR FOOD SCRAP BINS



Up to \$500 per approved site.

APPLY ONLINE NOW

www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/containers

* Only requirements #1-4 are in effect for all businesses in Newark, and businesses in Union City with 4 or more cubic yards of weekly garbage service. Beginning January 1, 2018, all requirements (#1-6) will be effective at all businesses in both Newark and Union City. The City of Dublin has chosen not to participate in the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.



The Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) has a goal to reduce waste by ensuring that recyclables and compostables make up less than 10 percent of what goes to landfill by the year 2020. To help reach that goal, Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01 went into effect July 1, 2012.

