



RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING IS MANDATORY FOR BUSINESSES & MULTI-FAMILY HOMES

RecyclingRulesAC.org

ACWMA ORDINANCE 2012-01

Attention: Owners and Managers of Businesses in Hayward

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01 has mandated recycling in **Hayward** since July 1, 2012 for businesses and institutions with 4 or more cubic yards of weekly garbage service, as well as multi-family properties with 5 or more units. Phase 2 of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance began July 1, 2015, requiring businesses that regularly generate organics and multi-family properties to arrange for separate collection of organics (food scraps and compostable paper).

*Effective July 1, 2016, **all businesses** (regardless of service volume) are required to arrange for separate collection of recycling. To order recycling or organics service, contact Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) at (510) 537-5500.*

RECYCLING RULES

Businesses and institutions may be cited and possibly fined for any of the following violations:

- **New!** Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and frequency for recyclable materials. The recycling service must be able to capture all of the recyclables generated on-site.
- **New!** 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.
- For businesses and institutions that generate significant quantities* of organics such as restaurants and grocery stores: failure to provide containers and service of sufficient size, number, and frequency to collect organics (food scraps and compostable paper).
- For businesses and institutions that generate significant quantities* of organics such as restaurants and grocery stores: failure to place food scraps and compostable paper in a separate container for organics collection.
- Disposing of garbage in recycling or organics containers.
- 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.

* Organics are considered to be "significant" when 10 or more gallons are disposed of in a garbage cart or 20 or more gallons of organics are disposed of in a garbage bin.

SETTING-UP COLLECTION SERVICE

Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) is the exclusive provider of garbage, recycling and compost (organics) collection services to businesses and institutions in the City of Hayward. Recycling and organics collection services are available at reduced rates compared to garbage service. WMAC offers free on-site assistance to implement separate collection of organics and recyclables. To make an appointment for an on-site consultation or to start recycling and/or organics collection service, call WMAC at (510) 537-5500.

Additional information about the services provided in Hayward can be found at:

» www.hayward-ca.gov/your-environment/green-your-business/reduce-reuse-recycle-rot

FREE INDOOR FOOD SCRAP BINS

Free indoor food scrap bins are available. Up to \$500 per approved site. Apply online at:

» www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/containers

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND ASSISTANCE

Downloadable posters with service information specific to Hayward are available at:

» www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city-of-hayward

Additional support materials, such as template letters for compliance with the annual notification requirement and tips for setting up or improving your recycling program are also available on the website.

In addition to the assistance provided by WMAC, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Business Assistance team is available to help businesses start or improve recycling and organics collection programs. Free services include phone consultations for guidance on compliance, on-site waste and recycling assessments, and detailed recommendations identifying specific opportunities for your business to reduce waste.

Visit www.RecyclingRulesAC.org or call (510) 891-6575 to learn more or to request assistance.

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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.