



## Internal Containers for Recycling & Composting Collection RESOURCES FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY BUSINESSES

Effective July 1, 2012, **ACWMA Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01** prohibits the disposal of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard into landfill. It requires affected businesses and multi-family property owners in participating Alameda County jurisdictions to provide on-site recycling collection service to handle the amount of recyclable material produced at those locations. Phase 2 of the Ordinance, effective July 1, 2014 in participating jurisdictions, adds discarded food and compostable paper (organics) to the list of materials that must be collected separate from garbage. Contact your service provider to learn more about recycling and organics collection services available in your city or to set-up service. To learn more about the Ordinance, visit [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org).

### Placement of Internal Containers

To make it easier for building occupants to keep recyclables separate from garbage, it's a good idea to place recycling containers next to each garbage container inside your facility. Consider placing recycling containers at employees' desks, as well as larger containers in central areas such as break rooms, kitchens/kitchenettes, and copy/mail rooms. Organics containers may also be placed next to each garbage and recycling container, or place them in central locations for employees to place their food scraps and compostable paper. The more accessible you make recycling and organics containers, the more you will increase participation, reduce contamination, and help achieve compliance with the law. Visit [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/commercial/support-materials](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/commercial/support-materials) for a worksheet to help you determine how many indoor containers you might need. You can also consider repurposing existing garbage containers into recycling containers by labeling them with new signs.

### Vendors & Pricing for Internal Containers

There are dozens of vendors offering internal containers for recycling, organics, and garbage collection. To help Alameda County businesses purchase containers to start or improve a recycling and/or organics collection program, ACWMA has compiled the following pricing and vendor information for commonly used containers. Price ranges have been included as a quick reference for budgeting purposes.

Internal Containers & General Pricing Information		
<i>Price ranges do not include shipping costs. Shipping quotes will be needed to determine the best total cost option.</i>		
<p><b>Small Spaces &amp; Deskside</b> 1-10 Gallon Capacity</p>  <p>\$5-\$10 each</p>	<p><b>Kitchens &amp; Small Central Areas</b> 16-29 Gallon Capacity</p>  <p>\$30-\$150 each</p>	<p><b>Large Central Areas &amp; Janitorial Consolidation</b> 30+ Gallon Capacity</p>  <p>\$30-\$150 each</p>

*Note: A variety of additional options may be available and each vendor offers slightly different containers, lids and decals. Check with various vendors to find the best solution for your business. Be sure to ask about containers made with recycled content to help close the recycling loop!*

### The following vendors carry organics and recycling containers at competitive pricing:

- Waxie – Livermore, CA | 800-229-9964 | [www.Waxie.com](http://www.Waxie.com)
- RecycleAway – Battleboro, VT | 800-664-5340 | [www.RecycleAway.com](http://www.RecycleAway.com)
- Busch Systems – Ontario Canada | 800-565-9931 | [www.BuschSystems.com](http://www.BuschSystems.com)

## Labeling Containers

Be sure to post prominent signs near all garbage, recycling, and organics containers. Use posters or decals that contain drawings or pictures of the materials that go into each container. This helps people understand with a quick glance how to sort the materials properly.

Many collection service providers can supply you with posters and/or decals that are specific to the materials they accept. Visit the “City by City” information page at [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org) for contact information or the “Commercial Support Materials” page for free sample posters. If decals are not available from your service provider, free generic recycling decals (pictured at right) are available to Alameda County businesses to place on indoor recycling receptacles. They may be ordered via email at [Partnership@stopwaste.org](mailto:Partnership@stopwaste.org), as supplies last.



## Additional Resources

For businesses that wish to explore additional container options, ACWMA has compiled a more comprehensive list of bin suppliers available at [www.StopWaste.org/home/index.asp?page=112](http://www.StopWaste.org/home/index.asp?page=112).

**Grant funding** for organics containers may be available. Learn more at [www.StopWaste.org/minigrants](http://www.StopWaste.org/minigrants).