

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MANDATORY RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS BY CITY AND SECTOR

Cities and municipalities were given the option to fully participate in the Alameda County Waste Management Authority’s Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012 - 01, opt-out entirely from participation, or delay all or portions of the Ordinance. Due to this flexibility, the timing and scope differs among the 17 jurisdictions in Alameda County. The following table provides an overview of which businesses and multi-family properties (5 or more units) are affected by the recycling and organics requirements. See page 2 for the rules by sector type. More information is also available at [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org).

| CITY                            | COVERED ACCOUNTS   |
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| Alameda                         | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Albany                          | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Berkeley                        | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Castro Valley Sanitary District | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Dublin                          | N/A – City of Dublin has chosen not to participate in the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance. |
| Emeryville                      | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Fremont                         | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Hayward                         | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Livermore                       | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Newark                          | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Oakland                         | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Oro Loma Sanitary District      | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Piedmont                        | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Pleasanton                      | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| San Leandro                     | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Unincorporated Alameda County   | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |
| Union City                      | Recycling and Organics required for all businesses and multi-family properties.          |

# MANDATORY RECYCLING RULES – DETAILED BY SECTOR

## BUSINESSES & INSTITUTIONS



### RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and frequency for recyclables.

Recycle 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.

Ensure recycling containers are contamination free. No garbage or organics may be placed in recycling containers.



### ORGANICS REQUIREMENTS

Provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and frequency for organics.

Place food scraps, compostable paper and plant debris in a separate organics cart/bin for organics collection.

Ensure organics containers are contamination free.



### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provide information at least annually to employees, tenants and contractors describing how to properly use the recycling, garbage, and organics containers, as well as no later than 14 days after move-in and no less than 14 days prior to move-out of tenant businesses.

## MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES (5 or more units)



### RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and frequency for recyclables at the same or at an equally convenient location as garbage.



### ORGANICS REQUIREMENTS

Provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and frequency for organics at the same or an equally convenient location as garbage.



### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provide information at least annually to employees, tenants and contractors describing how to properly use the recycling, garbage, and organics containers, as well as no later than 14 days after move-in and no less than 14 days prior to move-out of tenants.