



## RECYCLING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL BUSINESSES AND MOST MULTI-FAMILY HOMES

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### ATTENTION

## Owners and Managers of Businesses and Multi-Family Properties:

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01 now requires **all** businesses and institutions in the **City of Fremont** to participate in recycling programs as of **July 1, 2014**. Recycling has also been required since July 1, 2012, of multi-family properties with 5 or more units.

Requirements to collect food scraps and compostable paper separately from garbage are also part of the ordinance. Staff from the City of Fremont, or its franchised waste hauler, Republic Services will be contacting businesses regarding composting for business requirements.

### RECYCLING RULES

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**Property owners and managers of commercial properties and multi-family properties with five or more units may be cited, and possibly fined for the following violations:**

- Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size and frequency for recyclable materials (cardboard, newspaper, white paper, mixed recyclable paper, recyclable glass food and beverage containers, aluminum and metal food, beverage containers, PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles). The recycling service must be able to capture all of the recyclables generated on-site.
- 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 may also be cited, and possibly fined for:**

- Disposing of recyclable materials in the garbage.
- Disposing of garbage in recycling containers.

Newly affected businesses and institutions, those with less than 4 cubic yards of weekly garbage service, have until the end of the year to complete the steps necessary to comply with the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance requirements. No fines will be issued before January 1, 2015 for those newly covered businesses and institutions. For all businesses and multi-family property owners and managers affected by Phase 1 of the Ordinance, enforcement has been in effect since January 1, 2013.

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## SETTING-UP COLLECTION SERVICE

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City of Fremont contracts with Republic Services, formerly Allied Waste Services, for garbage, recycling and organics (food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant debris) collection services. The City of Fremont provides free onsite waste and recycling assessments upon request. To make an appointment call City of Fremont at (510) 494-4570, or to subscribe to recycling and/or organics collection service, call Republic Services at (510) 657-3500.

Additional information about the services provided in the City of Fremont can be found at: [www.republicservicesac.com](http://www.republicservicesac.com)

### Support Materials and Additional Assistance

Downloadable posters with information specific to the City of Fremont's services are available at [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org) by clicking on Fremont in the Rules by City section. 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 the City of Fremont, 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.

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Visit [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org) or call (510) 891-6575 to learn more or to request assistance.

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.