



A GOOD IDEA IS NOW THE LAW.

ACWMA ORDINANCE 2012-01

Attention Owners of Multi-family Properties: Recycling for certain multi-family property owners in Alameda County is now the law. Beginning March 1, 2013, multi-family residential buildings in Pleasanton with **five or more units** are required to have recycling service sufficient to handle the amount of recyclables they produce.

What is the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance?

The Mandatory Recycling Ordinance is a new law that prohibits the disposal of certain readily recyclable materials. It requires businesses and multi-family property owners in Alameda County to provide on-site recycling to handle the amount of recyclable material produced at those locations. The ordinance takes effect in Pleasanton beginning March 1, 2013.

Which multi-family residential properties are affected? How do I know if my property is affected?

Multi-family residential properties with five or more units in the following jurisdictions in Alameda County are affected by the new law:

- Alameda
- Berkeley
- Fremont
- Livermore
- Oakland
- Pleasanton
- Union City
- Unincorporated areas of Alameda County (except those within the boundaries of the Oro Loma and Castro Valley Sanitary Districts)
- Albany
- Emeryville
- Hayward
- Newark
- Piedmont
- San Leandro

What must multi-family property owners do to comply?

Multi-family property owners and managers are required to complete the following four steps in order to comply with the new law:

1. Arrange for collection service of recyclables sufficient to accommodate the quantity and type of materials generated on-site.
2. Provide containers for recyclables at the same location where garbage cans or bins are kept. Recycling containers must be large enough to hold all of the recyclables generated on-site.
3. Provide tenants with information annually describing where recycling containers are located and how to use them.
4. Provide recycling information to tenants no later than 14 days after move-in and no less than 14 days prior to move-out.

If a multi-family property owner has an agreement with a third party to manage their solid waste collection services, both parties are responsible for compliance.

Recommended: Post prominent signs on or near the recycling and garbage containers clearly indicating which are for garbage and which are for recycling.

Additional information about the steps multi-family property owners must take in order to comply can be found at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org.

Recycling Rules Alameda County

What materials must be recycled?

Paper, cardboard, recyclable glass food and beverage containers, metal food and beverage cans (aluminum and steel), PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) bottles, must be recycled.

What resources and support are available to help multi-family property owners comply?

Assistance to help owners of multi-family residential properties ensure that the recycling service and information they provide meets the requirements of the law may be available through the service provider or city. To request support, please contact your service provider or city. City and service provider contact information is available at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org.

Beginning September 1, 2013, if a multi-family property in Pleasanton is found to be out of compliance with the ordinance — and continues not to comply even after assistance has been offered — the property owner may be fined.

For additional information:

Visit www.RecyclingRulesAC.org
or call the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Information Line
(510) 891-6575