

MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES (5+ units) AND ALL BUSINESSES
in Newark must keep their recyclables separate from the garbage.

ENFORCEMENT EXPANDS January 1, 2016.

ACWMA ORDINANCE 2012-01

Attention Newark Property Owners and Managers:

The Mandatory Recycling Ordinance of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) was implemented in two Phases:

Phase 1 of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance began July 1, 2012 requiring recycling at businesses and institutions that generate four or more cubic yards of garbage per week and multi-family properties with five or more units.

Phase 2 of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance began July 1, 2015 and expands the recycling requirements to all commercial properties, regardless of garbage service level. Requirements to collect organics (food scraps and compostable paper) separately from garbage will become effective July 1, 2017.

This letter is to notify you that, beginning January 1, 2016, ACWMA will actively enforce the Ordinance to determine compliance at all businesses, not just those with 4 or more cubic yards of garbage service. Violations could result in a citation and fine.

FOLLOW THE LAW TO AVOID POSSIBLE CITATION AND FINE

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

1. Failure to provide containers and collection service for recyclables of sufficient number, size and/or collection frequency to handle all of the recyclables generated at that location. Materials that must be recycled include: 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.
2. Failure to provide information at least annually to employees, tenants and contractors describing how to properly use the recycling 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:

3. Disposing of recyclable materials in the garbage.
4. Disposing of garbage in the recycling containers.

SETTING-UP COLLECTION SERVICE

Contact Republic Services at (510) 657-3500 to set up recycling collection service. Online resources are available at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org, including:

- Downloadable posters and signs – Click on Newark under the “Rules by City” tab to find posters specific to your city’s services, or go to the “Support Materials” section for generic posters and even a sign-maker tool.
- Template letters for compliance with the annual notification requirement.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

Free site visits to identify specific opportunities to reduce waste, comply with the law and often save money on solid waste bills.

> www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/Request-Assistance

Sign up at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/Stay-Informed to receive important updates, news and resources related to the recycling laws as they become available.