

Well help you get started  
Need assistance starting a recycling or solid waste  
reduction program at your business?



We offer...

- ✓ **FREE on-site waste assessment.** Our recycling coordinators will visit your workplace to evaluate your company's potential to prevent waste, as well as recycle or compost materials that currently go into the garbage.
- ✓ **Reduced rates.** Save money by taking advantage of discounted recycling rates.
- ✓ **Carts, bins, boxes and more.** We have just the right container to meet your recycling needs.
- ✓ **Single-stream recycling.** No need to separate recyclables. Cans, plastics, paper and cardboard all go into the same recycling container.
- ✓ **Training, signs & stickers.** We'll train your employees and provide outreach materials to support your recycling efforts.
- ✓ **Friendly customer service.** Call Jennifer Cutter at (510) 354-2452 to start recycling at your company.

#### LOOK INSIDE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RECYCLING SERVICES.

There is a financial incentive to comply with mandatory recycling requirements. Rates for recycling containers are deeply discounted – about 75% less than a garbage container of the same size.

Visit [www.AlliedWasteAC.com/rates-uc-business.cfm](http://www.AlliedWasteAC.com/rates-uc-business.cfm) to learn more.



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## Multi-Family Complexes Must Also Recycle

Apartment buildings and other multi-family complexes must also begin mandatory recycling. Facilities with five units or more must provide a level of recycling service that is adequate for the amount of recyclables generated.

Property owners/managers must provide recycling information to tenants when they move in or out, as well as annual reminders. Clearly labeled signs or posters near recycling containers must explain how to properly separate and store cans, bottles, cardboard and other recyclables.

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**We will help you get started. See Inside!**



**Mandatory!**

## Mandatory Commercial Recycling Is Here

Union City businesses and multi-family property owners should be aware of new state and local recycling requirements that go into effect this summer. California's new Mandatory Commercial Recycling regulations apply to businesses that generate more than 4 cubic yards of commercial waste per week and to multi-family residential dwellings of five units or more. If you qualify, you must arrange for recycling services by July 1. Businesses can meet the recycling requirement in a variety of ways, such as signing up for regular recycling collection provided by Union City's exclusive haulers, Allied Waste Services and Tri-CED Community Recycling.

In addition, Union City recently joined most other cities in Alameda County in approving a local mandatory commercial recycling ordinance. It specifies which materials need to be recycled, such as paper, cardboard and beverage/food bottles and cans. It also requires businesses to obtain a level of recycling service that is adequate for the amount of recyclables they generate. Many businesses in town are already saving time and money by participating in Union City's single-stream recycling program, which eliminates the need to separate recyclable materials. Cans, plastic bottles, paper products, etc. all go into the same cart or bin, which makes recycling easier than ever before.

In 2014, all businesses will be required to recycle (not just those generating four or more cubic yards of waste per week) and organics such as food and compostable paper will be added to the list of mandatory recyclables. Get a head start by signing up for Union City's Food Scrap Recycling for Business program, which is already popular with many area restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses.

The City is promoting mandatory recycling through a business assistance recycling program. Businesses can request a waste evaluation to identify where they can recycle more and reduce waste. Thanks to discounted rates for recycling, a business could lower its waste collection costs. To learn more, contact Allied Waste Services (510-657-3500), Tri-CED (510-429-8030) or Union City Recycles (510-675-5466).

### MANDATORY RECYCLING AT-A-GLANCE

*When does it go into effect:*

- Effective July 1, 2012
- All businesses with at least 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week
- All multi-family complexes with 5+ units
- Includes paper, cardboard, plastic/glass/metal bottles and cans
- Implementation costs are usually minimal
- Disposal costs may decrease thanks to discounted recycling rates

## Multi-Family Complexes Must Also Recycle

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Union City collects a mandatory multi-family recycling fee, and most complexes already have basic recycling services. Services that can improve recycling efforts or help start a new program include:

- On-site visits to assess your recycling concerns and solutions
- Educational materials for tenants
- Signs and posters for recycling areas
- Union City Recycles buddy bags to easily store and carry recyclables
- Assistance from Tri-CED's Green Team

Call Union City Recycles at (510) 675-5466 for more information.

## Bag Ban

On January 1, 2013, stores in Alameda County that sell packaged food will no longer be able to distribute single-use plastic bags at the checkout stand. Recycled content paper bags may be provided, but only if the retailer charges customers 10 cents per bag. Shoppers are encouraged to **"Bring Your Own Bag."**

CONTACT US



**Allied Waste Services**  
(510) 657-3500  
[www.alliedwasteac.com](http://www.alliedwasteac.com)

**Tri-CED Community Recycling**  
(510) 429-8030  
[www.tri-ced.org](http://www.tri-ced.org)



**Recycling Buy Back Center**  
33377 Western Ave, Union City  
Open:  
Mon thru Sat - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
(510) 471-3850



**Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station**  
41149 Boyce Rd, Fremont  
Open: Mon thru Sat - 8 am to 5 pm  
(510) 252-0500  
[www.fremont-recycling.com](http://www.fremont-recycling.com)



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# What goes in which container?

## Recycling



### YES!



- Paper (white, colored, fax, gloss)
- Envelopes, file folders
- Newspapers, magazines, phone books
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Plastic shrink wrap (bagged in clear bags)
- Plastic food and beverage containers\*
- Triple-rinsed plastic chemical bottles\*

\*look for 1-7 on the bottom (no Styrofoam™)

### NO ❌

- Styrofoam™
- Carbon paper and treated papers
- Transparencies and photographs
- Food waste and food soiled papers
- Wood, pallets
- Window glass/mirrors
- Metals (except aluminum & tin cans)
- Landscape waste
- Carpet
- Restroom, hazardous or medical waste

## Green Waste



### YES!



#### Food scraps

- Fruits, vegetables
- Meat, seafood
- Dairy, eggs
- Breads, pastas
- Tea bags
- Coffee grounds

#### Food-soiled paper

- Paper cups, plates
- Paper towels, napkins
- Waxed cardboard

#### Yard trimmings

- Grass, leaves
- Twigs, branches
- Plants, flowers

#### Wood

- Produce crates
- Wood scraps
- Sawdust

### NO ❌

- Plastic (all types)
- Styrofoam™
- Glass
- Metal
- Grease or tallow
- Liquids
- Treated/painted wood

## Garbage



### YES!



- Non-recyclable paper or plastics
- Transparencies and photographs
- Styrofoam™, bubble wrap
- Glass/mirrors, if packaged safely
- Non-recyclable metals
- Toys, ceramics
- Carpet, fabrics
- Broken-down pallets
- Restroom waste

### NO ❌

- Batteries
- Fluorescent tubes
- Hazardous and medical waste
- Sharps (needles, syringes)
- Liquids/oil/grease
- Loose glass shards
- Appliances and electronics
- Concrete, asphalt, dirt, rocks
- Construction debris, fences
- Tires

### Bins & Carts

We provide a variety of products and services to meet commercial recycling, composting and garbage needs. Choose the containers that work best for your business. Some businesses prefer cart service; others go for front-load bins that range in size from 1 to 7 cubic yards. Compactor and drop-box service is also available for large generators.

State-of-the-art trucks will collect daily, weekly or multiple times per week.

**Contact us for more information about sizes, rates and services.**

## Union City's Exclusive Franchise Haulers



*Meeting all your recycling and solid waste disposal needs*



Union City commercial accounts and multi-family complexes deserve and depend on quality service that is responsive to everyday business needs. That's why the City signed franchise agreements with **Allied Waste Services** and **Tri-CED Community Recycling**. The contracts grant the two companies exclusive rights to collect, transport, and process solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials in Union City, with only a few exceptions.

Why do cities sign exclusive franchise agreements? They help ensure that haulers abide by specific service standards, rate control measures, environmental regulations and reporting requirements. **Using a hauler other Allied Waste Services and Tri-CED Community Recycling for recycling or solid waste disposal is a violation of the Union City Municipal Code and could result in code enforcement action by the City.**

Union City's two franchised haulers are experienced in providing high-quality service without disruption. Both work closely with customers and the City to quickly address any concerns. Contact Allied Waste at (510) 657-3500 or Tri-CED Community Recycling at (510) 429-8030 to arrange for service.

### Commercial Food Scraps Collection

The newest recycling program we offer commercial customers is one of the most popular. More and more restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses are signing up for Union City's Food Scrap Recycling for Business Program. It's a great way to save money and reduce waste.

By participating in the commercial organics program, food scraps and food-soiled paper products such as cups and plates are sent to a composting facility. Instead of taking up space in the landfill, your food scraps become compost – a valuable resource used by landscapers and farmers.

Call us today to learn more about our free training, technical assistance and in-kitchen containers, signs and stickers.

**Is your business ready to help lead the compost revolution?**