



Attention Multi-Family Properties in Alameda County*

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING ARE THE LAW.

Property owners/managers of multi-family properties with 5 or more units may be cited and possibly fined for the following violations:



1. Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size, and collection frequency for recyclable materials at the same or at an equally convenient location as garbage. Recyclable materials covered by the Ordinance 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 containers and service of sufficient number, size, and collection frequency for organics (food scraps, compostable paper and plant debris) at the same or at an equally convenient location as garbage.



3. 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.

Visit www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/multi-family-support-materials to download a sample resident notification letter like the one pictured here.

* Requirements to provide containers and service for organics (food scraps, compostable paper, and plant debris) will be effective January 1, 2018 in Newark and Union City. The City of Dublin has chosen not to participate in the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

Multi-family owners/managers are only responsible for complying with the requirements listed above and will not be held responsible for improper sorting of materials by tenants. Notifications will be sent to the property owner before a fine is issued for non-compliance.

MORE RESOURCES

Visit www.RecyclingRulesAC.org for free materials such as indoor green bins for food scraps, posters, and sample tenant letters.

For contact information to set up service, visit www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/cities-overview.



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.

