

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

ENFORCEMENT BEGINS January 1, 2015.

ACWMA ORDINANCE 2012-01

Attention Property Owners and Managers:

Effective July 1, 2014, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) Ordinance 2012-01 requires recycling in the Castro Valley Sanitary District service area for all businesses and institutions as well as multi-family properties with 5 or more units. Requirements to collect organics (food scraps and compostable paper) separately from garbage will become effective January 1, 2016. This letter is to notify you that, beginning January 1, 2015, ACWMA will begin active enforcement to determine compliance with the Ordinance. 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 your service provider to set up collection service. Online resources, including contact information for your service provider, are available at www.RecyclingRulesAC.org. Online you will also find:

- Downloadable posters and signs—Click on Castro Valley Sanitary District under the “Rules by City” tab (this is also where you will find contact information for setting up collection service) 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

Free indoor food scrap bins—A variety of containers and lids are available. Up to \$500 per approved business.

> www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/Containers

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