



RECYCLING IS MANDATORY  
FOR MANY BUSINESSES AND MULTI-FAMILY HOMES

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## ATTENTION

### Owners and Managers of Businesses and Multi-Family Properties:

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority Mandatory Recycling Ordinance 2012-01 has mandated recycling in the **City of San Leandro** since July 1, 2012 for businesses and institutions with 4 or more cubic yards of weekly garbage service, as well as multi-family properties with 5 or more units. This letter serves as a reminder of the recycling requirements and to inform you of new upcoming requirements.

Phase 2 of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance will begin in a year, on July 1, 2015 for **all** businesses, not just those with 4 or more cubic yards of weekly garbage service. Requirements to collect food scraps and compostable paper separately from garbage will become effective July 1, 2016 for businesses, institutions, and multi-family properties.

### RECYCLING RULES

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**As a reminder, property owners and managers of commercial properties with 4 or more cubic yards of weekly garbage service and multi-family properties with five or more units may be cited, and possibly fined for the following violations:**

- Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size and frequency for recyclable materials (cardboard, newspaper, white paper, mixed recyclable paper, recyclable glass food and beverage containers, aluminum and metal food, beverage containers, PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles). The containers for recyclables must be able to store all the recyclables generated on-site.
- 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.

**Businesses and institutions may also be cited, and possibly fined for:**

- Disposing of recyclable materials in the garbage, and/or
- Disposing of garbage in recycling containers.

Enforcement of the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance has been in effect since January 1, 2013.

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## SETTING-UP COLLECTION SERVICE

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San Leandro has two distinct service areas for garbage, recycling and organics (food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant debris) collection services. If you are unsure which service area you are in, check your garbage bill. If the vendor is Alameda County Industries (ACI), you are in the service area of the City of San Leandro. If the vendor is Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC), you are in the Oro Loma Sanitary District. Both haulers provide free onsite waste and recycling assessments upon request. To make an appointment or to subscribe to recycling and/or organics collection service, call the appropriate service provider: ACI at (510) 357-7282 or WMAC at (510) 613-8710.

Additional information about the services provided in the City of San Leandro can be found at: [www.recyclesanleandro.org](http://www.recyclesanleandro.org)

### Support Materials and Additional Assistance

Downloadable posters with information specific to the City of San Leandro's services are available at [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/city-of-san-leandro](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/city-of-san-leandro) and for the Oro Loma Sanitary District service area at [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/oro-loma-sanitary-district](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/oro-loma-sanitary-district). Additional support materials, such as template letters for compliance with the annual notification requirement and tips for setting up or improving your recycling program are also available on the website.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Business Assistance team is available to help businesses start or improve recycling and organics collection programs. Free services include phone consultations for guidance on compliance, on-site waste and recycling assessments, and detailed recommendations identifying specific opportunities for your business to reduce waste.

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Visit [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org) or call (510) 891-6575 to learn more or to request assistance.

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.