

# A GOOD IDEA IS NOW THE LAW.

ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. ORDINANCE 2012-01

## DEAR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER/MANAGER:

Mandatory recycling for commercial garbage accounts in Alameda County took effect in your locality on July 1, 2012, per the Alameda County Waste Management Authority Ordinance 2012-01.

Over the past six months, affected accounts have been mailed information describing the law's requirements and explaining how to get help with compliance, including free support materials.



## ENFORCEMENT STARTS SOON

This letter is to notify you that **enforcement of mandatory recycling will begin on January 1, 2013**. Inspections will be conducted to determine whether commercial properties are in compliance with the law. Property owners found to be out of compliance will receive a notification. Should the property remain out of compliance after receipt of the notification, an additional warning—and possibly a citation—will be issued.

Initial enforcement will focus on compliance rather than fines. All owners/managers will be given ample opportunity, as well as technical assistance if needed, to comply.

## HOW TO ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY COMPLIES WITH THE LAW

By January 1, 2013, owners/ managers of commercial properties with garbage service of 4 or more cubic yards per week are required to do the following:

1. Arrange for collection service of recyclable materials that are separated from the garbage, including paper, cardboard, recyclable glass food and beverage containers, metal food and beverage containers, and PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles.
2. Provide containers for recyclables at the same location as the garbage cans or bins. Recycling containers must be large enough to hold all of the recyclables generated at the property.
3. Post prominent signage on or near the containers indicating which are for garbage and which are for recycling. Recycling signage must include a list or pictures of which materials must be recycled.
4. Provide employees, tenants and contractors with information at least annually describing where recycling containers are located and how to use them. For commercial property owners who lease space to one or more businesses, such information must be provided to each tenant to share with their employees.
5. Provide recycling information to tenants no later than 14 days after move in and no less than 14 days prior to move out.

For more information about collection service in your city and additional resources to assist in compliance, please visit [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org) or call the Ordinance Information Line (510) 891-6575.