

A GOOD IDEA IS NOW THE LAW.

ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. ORDINANCE 2012-01

DEAR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY OWNER/MANAGER:

Mandatory recycling for multi-family buildings 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 multi-family buildings are in compliance with the law. Multi-family building owners found to be out of compliance will receive a notification. Should a multi-family building 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 multi-family building owners/ managers will be given ample opportunity to comply.

HOW TO ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY COMPLIES WITH THE LAW

Owners or managers of properties with five or more living units 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.
5. Provide information about the requirement to keep recyclables separate from garbage to tenants no later than 14 days after tenants move in and no less than 14 days before tenants move out.

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