



## RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL BUSINESSES & MOST MULTI-FAMILY HOMES

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ACWMA ORDINANCE 2012-01

### **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 **Castro Valley** since July 1, 2014 for all businesses and institutions as well as multi-family properties with 5 or more units.

*Effective January 1, 2016, all businesses that regularly generate organics (e.g. restaurants and grocery stores) and multi-family properties with 5 or more units are required to arrange for separate collection of organics (food scraps and compostable paper). To order organics service, contact Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) at (510) 537-0757 ext. 112.*

### RECYCLING RULES

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

- **New!** For businesses and institutions that generate “significant” quantities of organics such as restaurants and grocery stores\* and for multi-family properties: **Failure to provide containers and service of sufficient number, size and frequency for organics** (food scraps and compostable paper).
- 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, metal (aluminum and steel) food and beverage containers, PET (#1) and HDPE (#2) plastic bottles. The recycling service must be able to capture all of 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.
- Disposing of garbage in recycling or organics containers.
- **New!** For businesses and institutions that generate “significant” quantities of organics such as restaurants and grocery stores:\* **Failure to place food scraps and compostable paper in a separate container for organics collection.**

**Property owners and managers have until July 1, 2016,** to complete the steps necessary to comply with the new organics requirements. No fines will be issued before July 1, 2016 for organics violations.

\* Organics are considered to be “significant” when 10 or more gallons are disposed of in a garbage cart or 20 or more gallons of organics are disposed of in a garbage bin.

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## SETTING-UP COLLECTION SERVICE

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) contracts with Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) for garbage, recycling and organics (food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant debris) collection services. CVSan and WMAC provide free onsite waste and recycling assessments upon request. Internal containers and signage (limited supplies) are available as a donation from CVSan. To make an appointment or to subscribe to recycling and/or organics collection service, call CVSan at (510) 537-0757 ext. 112.

## SUPPORT MATERIALS AND ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Downloadable posters with information specific to CVSan's services are available at:

- » [www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/castro-valley-sanitary-district](http://www.RecyclingRulesAC.org/city/castro-valley-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.

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

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.