

Recycling Requirements At Multifamily Complexes



Did you know that *California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law (AB 341)* and *Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826)* will require many apartment complexes to implement recycling programs? Multifamily dwellings (apartments, mobile home parks, etc.) with 5 or more units are required to provide an onsite recycling program (paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, etc.) for its residents, and to ensure that landscaping waste (grass, leaves, vegetation, etc.) from the complex is recycled/composted. The purpose of these laws are to extend the life of the State's landfills, conserve natural resources, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. See below to find out how to comply with these laws and for more information about the City's recycling services.

How to Comply with the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law - AB 341

Owners/managers of multifamily complexes can comply with the law by subscribing to the City's *Commingled Recycling service*. *Cardboard Only* bins are also useful for large amounts of cardboard. Call (805) 875-8027 to request recycling services.

The City's Recycling Coordinator will work with you in setting up services and to provide the educational materials necessary for your tenants. It's vital to educate residents in order to minimize contamination of recycling bins.

Containers come in the following sizes: 95-gal, 300-gal, and 450-gal. Recycling services are provided at no additional charge to owners/managers or tenants.

How to Comply with the Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling Law - AB 1826

Multifamily complexes can comply with the organics recycling law in one of the following ways:

- 1) Contract with a landscaper who hauls the green waste to the Lompoc Landfill. (Green waste is recycled at the Landfill). Call (805) 875-8027 if your landscaper is recycling/composting the green waste.
- 2) Request green waste collection services by calling (805) 875-8027. The City's Recycling Coordinator will assist you in setting up services.

Green Waste containers come in the following sizes: 95-gal and 300-gal. Green Waste service is provided at no additional charge to residents or businesses.

Commingled Recycling



Paper, junk mail, magazines, newsprint (loose, not bagged); cardboard and paperboard (flattened); metal cans and foil; glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles and containers. (Remove all food/liquids from containers, and place lids/caps in the trash.)

Cardboard Recycling



Cardboard Only bins are useful at complexes for large amounts of cardboard, particularly when tenants move-in. Boxes must be flattened and free of any packing materials including styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic containers, papers, and other garbage.

Green Waste Recycling



Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, small branches, and scrap lumber.

No bags, trash, garden hoses, animal waste, dirt, rocks, food, pots, palm fronds, pampas grass, cactus, Yucca, iceplant, and painted/treated wood.