

# MANDATORY RECYCLING FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE

Everyone in unincorporated Los Angeles County must do their part to divert organic waste from landfills to reduce our impact on climate change and the environment. That is why the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services. See the page on Mandatory Organic Waste for more information.

### UPCOMING EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE

The County is transitioning from a Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise System to an Exclusive System where one waste hauler will be awarded a specific service area. Thus, the mandatory organic waste collection service may not start until the Exclusive System starts, which is anticipated to be around July 2022.

*Multi-family residences (5 units or more) generate nearly 4.8% of solid waste in California. The State of California has adopted two laws that make it mandatory for multi-family residences to recycle.*

## SENATE BILL (SB 1383) ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION AND FOOD DONATION

### ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION TARGETS

SB 1383 establishes the following targets to reduce methane emissions:

**75%**  
reduction in  
statewide organic  
waste disposal by  
**2025**



and not less than  
**20%**  
recovery of edible  
food for human  
consumption



### WHAT ORGANIC WASTE MUST BE RECYCLED?

**YARD TRIMMINGS**



**GRASS CLIPPINGS**



**LEAVES**



**STICKS & TWIGS**



**NON-HAZARDOUS WOOD**



*Treated and/or painted wood cannot be recycled as green waste.*

**FOOD SCRAPS**



**BONES**



**NAPKINS**



### REDUCE FOOD WASTE

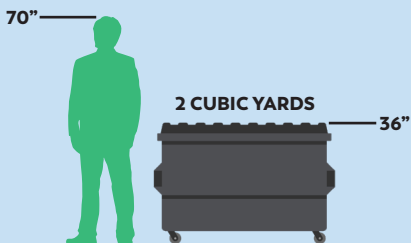
- Encourage residents to:
  - Set up at-home composting systems.
  - Reduce portion sizes.
  - Subscribe to food waste collection services with your hauler.
- Visit [BusinessRecycling.com](http://BusinessRecycling.com) to learn more about food waste reduction.



## ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 341) MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING LAW

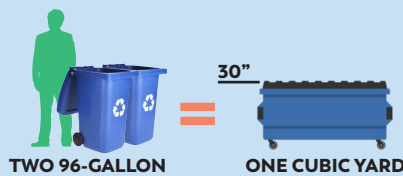
### MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING REQUIREMENT

Multi-family residences that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week **must** arrange for recycling services (most trash dumpsters are 3-4 cubic yards).



### HOW TO COMPLY

- Self-haul recyclables to a processing facility.
- Take waste to a mixed processing facility.
- Contact a third-party recycler to take recyclables.
- Contact your waste hauler for one (1) **FREE** cubic yard (or up to two 96-gallon carts) of recycling service per week.



### WHAT GOES IN THE RECYCLING BIN?

Contact your waste hauler to verify acceptable materials that go into the recycling bin.



## QUESTIONS?

For more information, please call Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Thursday, or e-mail us at [CommercialFranchise@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:CommercialFranchise@pw.lacounty.gov). We also encourage you to visit the Organic Waste Management website periodically for updates.



# RESOURCES, TIPS, AND TOOLS FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND SUCCESSFUL MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

There are many ways that multi-family complexes can incorporate sustainable practices that reduce waste and comply with the law. The Los Angeles County Smart Business Recycling Program provides resources and assistance to help you establish and maintain a successful recycling program.



## TIPS FOR RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION

### BULKY ITEMS COLLECTION

Property owners receive five (5) free bulky item pick-ups each year. Coordinate clean-up days with your tenants and advise them in advance so you do not end up with overflowing bins. For more information or to report issues with illegal dumping, visit [BusinessRecycling.com](http://BusinessRecycling.com), call:

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### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



**Electronics, batteries, paint, lightbulbs, hazardous wastes, solvents,** and other items cannot be placed in the trash or recycling containers. Provide tenants with information on how to properly dispose of these items by placing messaging or information in common areas such as where recycling and trash bins are placed. A list of proper disposal locations can be found at [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com).



### DONATE TO REDUCE WASTE

Consider setting up a donation and/or exchange program to reduce waste and repurpose reusable items.



## RESOURCES | Visit [BusinessRecycling.com](http://BusinessRecycling.com) for more information on the following:

### RECYCLING

#### REQUESTING A CONSULTATION

Request a free on-site consultation. Our staff will assess your current system, make recommendations for complying with the State's requirements and provide training for your tenants. Eligible complexes will receive a **FREE** recycling bin for each unit.

*Note: On-site consultations will adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols.*



### COMPOSTING AND VERMICOMPOSTING

Small space composting is a great way for tenants to turn food waste into nutrient-rich compost for houseplants and container gardens. It reduces on-site disposal costs. **The Los Angeles County Smart Gardening Program** provides free webinars along with discounted composting bins for your tenants to start composting. Visit [SmartGardening.com](http://SmartGardening.com) for more information.



### CUSTOMER BILL OF RIGHTS



### AUTHORIZED WASTE HAULER LIST

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