



IF IT GROWS, IT GOES!

Organic Waste Recycling Guide



- Meat, fish, bones & shells
- Dairy, eggs, & paper egg cartons
- Fruits & vegetables
- Grains, pasta, bread

YES, PLEASE - INCLUDE THESE!

- Paper take-out containers
- Food-soiled paper including bags, towels, napkins, tissues, and cardboard
- Yard trimmings & untreated wood

- Diapers
- Dirt or rocks
- Compostable or plastic bags
- Pet waste
- Clean Paper
- Glass
- Metals
- Cardboard

NO, THANKS - NOT ACCEPTED WASTE!

REMEMBER TO PUT THESE IN THE BLUE RECYCLE BIN!



Why It's Important to Recycle Right in Your Blue Bin

Did you know up to 20% of what some residents and businesses put in their recycling bins is not recyclable in the blue bin?

By eliminating materials that don't belong (called contamination or wishcycling), you'll help ensure recyclables remain valuable, are actually recycled and don't create a hazard for workers or machinery at the recycling facility.

Stopping contamination begins with "Recycling Right" - knowing *how* to recycle as well as *what* to recycle.

Recycling Right means your items are:

EMPTY. No or very little food residue remaining.

DRY. No liquids remaining.

LOOSE. Do not bag your recyclables; place them loose in the recycling bin.



For more information on Recycling Right, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/RecyclingRight



Loose
not bagged
recyclables



Bagged
recyclables

County of San Diego Recycling Guide for Multi-Family Complex Managers in Densely Populated Areas



Materials Required for Recycling

Multi-family complexes with 5 or more units in the densely-populated areas must separate designated materials on their premises and arrange for recycling of the following materials:



Designated Recyclable Materials

Aluminum
Glass Bottles & Jars
Cardboard & Paper Products, including Cartons
Plastic Bottles & Containers (#1-#7)
Tin & Bi-Metal Cans



Designated Organic Materials

Yard Trimmings
Nonhazardous Wood Waste
Food Scraps & Food Soiled Paper*

Other Requirements for Multi-Family Complexes

To ensure that tenants at multi-family complexes have sufficient access to recycling and are educated on how to properly recycle, the County has established the following requirements:

Multi-Family Properties Must:

- Have adequate number and size of containers.
- Meet the County's minimum diversion service level ratio of 35%. *This means at least 35% of the weekly container capacity must be available for recyclables and organic materials.*
 - A minimum of 20 gallons of weekly recycling capacity per unit and 5 gallons of weekly organics capacity per unit are required.*
 - The container capacity is measured by the space (cubic yards or gallons) in the dumpsters and/or carts used for waste, recyclable and organic materials.
 - Your waste hauler or County Recycling staff can assist you in right sizing your waste service.

****If the minimum weekly per unit requirement results in more service than required by the minimum service level ratio, the per-dwelling unit requirement will supersede the ratio requirements.***

- Provide education to tenants within 14 days of move-in. Hauler or County staff can assist with this education upon request.
- Annually inform tenants how to recycle properly.
- Accommodate inspections and monitoring by County or its designee.
- Keep recyclables & organics separate from trash.
- Arrange for proper collection, storage, and transport of discarded materials.
- Require in contract that gardeners and/or landscapers recycle green materials and wood waste, if total waste generation is greater than or equal to 2 cubic yards per week.

Compliance & Assistance

How do I Comply?

Generators may demonstrate compliance by:

- Subscribing to a 3-stream collection service with a non-exclusive franchise hauler, or contract with a Certified Recyclable Materials Collector for certain materials.
- Self-hauling materials. Registration with the County is required. Contact Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov for information.
- Maintaining records:
 - Tenant education
 - Landscaping contracts (if applicable)

Noncompliance is subject to an Administrative Citation with escalating penalties.



Free Recycling Assistance

Free technical assistance and promotional equipment is available to unincorporated area apartment and condominium complexes, including right sizing of service levels, trash and recycling enclosure signs, brochures, door hangers, lease language, landscaping contract templates, and recycling containers (as inventory allows).

Contact a Recycling Specialist at 858-694-2456 or Recycle@sdcounty.ca.gov for more information.

Have a recycling question?
Visit WasteFreeSD.org or call:



The County of San Diego Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Hotline

For additional information on the updated Solid Waste Ordinance and how it may affect multi-family property owners or managers, learn more at tinyurl.com/MFCRecycle or by scanning the QR code



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