

Waste Management

California Legislative Update: Multi-family and Commercial Recycling



Did you know Governor Brown recently signed legislation which requires owners of apartments and multi-family housing with five or more units to provide recycling for their tenants? In addition, both multi-family complexes as well as businesses that generate more than four yards per week of solid waste will be required to have a recycling program in place. This legislation became effective on July 1, 2012. To be compliant, your recycling program can include subscribing to Waste Management for recycling services, donating your recyclables or self-hauling your recyclables to a recycling facility.

While our state leads the nation in solid waste diversion, opportunities for apartment complexes have been lagging. Less than 40 percent of those living in multi-family residences currently have access to convenient recycling and, as a result, more than 85 percent of the waste generated at multi-family residences goes to landfills. Similarly, businesses represent an untapped source of recyclables.

How Waste Management Can Help

Waste Management has been implementing successful multi-family and business recycling solutions in the areas we serve. Waste Management can customize a program that will increase business and multi-family recycling collection and improve your diversion rates. Our turnkey recycling programs may include recycling education, outreach to residents and diversion monitoring and tracking. Plus, we will pick up the recyclable material at your facility, saving you time and fuel costs.



All Recyclables In One Bin!

All recyclable items (bottles, cans, jars, cardboard, and paper) can be mixed together in the existing recycling carts or bins. There's no need to separate these recyclables!



Comingled Recycling

Waste Management has the ability to recycle bottles, cans, paper, and plastics in one container which makes recycling easy and doesn't take up a lot of space. Please remember that businesses of Lodi can be provided two recycling bins and/or carts at no additional charge. Bins can be two or four yards, which can be serviced once per week. Please call customer service for more details, 800-369-4999.



Aluminum Cans



Magazines



Junk Mail



Chipboard



Newspapers



Plastic Bottles and Jugs

Waste

Items that cannot be recycled should be disposed of in your waste container. The following items are considered waste and should be deposited in your waste container: food contaminated boxes or containers, paper towels, tissues, food waste, Styrofoam, light bulbs, and pet waste.



Food



Styrofoam Containers



Diapers



Pizza Boxes

Special Waste

The following items are considered special waste: tires, paint, batteries, medical waste, electronic waste, and fluorescents (CFL) bulbs. These items cannot be disposed of in your waste or recycling containers. For proper disposal solutions visit http://www.lohi.gov/public_works or call 800-369-4999.

