

Apartment/Condo Recycling Laws

SB 1383: Reducing Organic Waste

State law, SB 1383, is a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived pollutants by reducing organics waste disposal. Organic material accounts for more than half of the material in California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to global climate change.

Residents are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper and yard trimmings, for composting. Go to calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp, for more information. Residents can participate by preventing/reducing food waste, composting at home and using the green organics cart.

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

State law, AB 341, requires apartments and condo complexes generating 4 cubic yards or more of trash per week to have a recycling program. For more information about AB 341, visit: calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial.

Technical and Educational Assistance

Does your apartment or condo complex need help with recycling and organics programs? Ask your Property Manager to reach out to Republic Services – we can provide educational material, posters, training, waste assessments, help set up programs, offer suggestions for improvements and answer any questions at no additional cost. Contact Bonnie Hazarabedian, Sustainability Advisor, BHazarabedian@RepublicServices.com or call 925.671.5806.



Household Hazardous Waste

It is illegal to throw hazardous waste in ANY of your carts. Take paint, pesticides, solvents, personal care products, and other household chemicals FREE OF CHARGE to Central San's Household Hazardous Waste facility at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez. You can drop off many e-waste items for free at Rapid Recycle in Martinez (rapidrecycle.net) or the Concord Recycling Center (concordrecyclingcenter.com) – please contact them in advance to confirm. You can also ask your Property Manager to schedule an e-waste pick-up with Republic Services. For more info, go to centralsan.org/hhw or call 800.646.1431.

Medical Sharps:

It is ILLEGAL to dispose of sharps in your carts and bins. California has a FREE mail-back sharps program – visit sharpstakebackcalifornia.org to request your free mail-back container and service.

Large Item Pickups

If you have furniture, mattresses or other large items, contact your property manager. They can schedule a bulky pick-up for a fee.



Prevent Food Waste and Fight Climate Change

When we waste food, we waste all the energy, water, and resources that went into producing that food and getting it to our kitchen.

If we plan our meals a little better, store our food properly, and eat what we have, we can save food and money.

PLAN—Use a shopping list to help plan meals and save money.
STORE—Keep fruits and vegetables fresher with proper storage.
EAT—Consume perishable foods first and use your leftovers.

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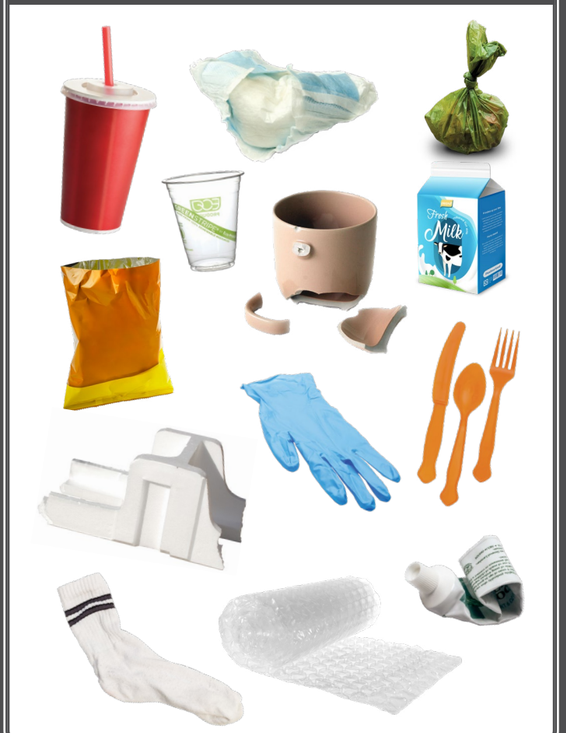
Apartment & Condominium Guide

for Residents

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Landfill



- No Food
- No Paper
- No Green Waste
- No Recyclable Material
- No Hazardous Waste



Recycle



Empty, Clean, and Dry with **no bags**

- No Liquids
- No Textiles
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam®



Recyclables should be loose *(no bags)*.

Compost



BAGS: Compostable BPI (meets ASTM 6400 Standard); Paper Bags; No Bags

- No Metal
- No Glass
- No Plastic
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Compostable Utensils Or Cups
- No Pet Waste



Organics should be loose *(no bags)* or in compostable or paper bags only. No plastic bags.

Did you know?

Apartment and Condominium Recycling



To make recycling easier, handy reusable recycling totes are available to residents at no cost. If you would like a tote, please contact your property manager or reach out to Bonnie Hazarabedian, Sustainability Advisor, **BHazarabedian@RepublicServices.com**, 925.671.5806.

Keep Recycling Clean

To meet strict quality requirements in this new era of recycling, please make sure your recyclables are:

Empty. Remove any remaining food or liquid.

Clean. Wipe or lightly rinse the item.

Dry. Shake out excess moisture or air dry.

Food Scrap Composting



Use the pail for storage before emptying food scraps into the green organics cart. Line your food scrap pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a BPI-Certified Compostable bag (the only type of Compostable plastic we can accept).

If you would like a pail, please contact your property manager or Sustainability Advisor Bonnie Hazarabedian, 925.671.5806 or BHazarabedian@RepublicServices.com.

Important: Biodegradable plastics AND REGULAR PLASTICS are not acceptable because they don't break down completely in our compost process.

Service Reminder

Lids must close. Overloaded or contaminated containers may not be serviced, or you may be charged.