

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 to 75% by 2025. 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. As of January 2022, residents are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings, for composting. The USDA estimates Americans waste \$218 billion dollars’ worth of food every year — about 400 pounds per person. Six million tons of food gets thrown away in California every year, per CalRecycle. Go to [CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp), for more information. Also visit [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://www.RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) for information specific to Benicia.

How to Reduce Food Waste at Home

- Stick to your grocery list and meal plan, only buying what you need.
- Freeze leftovers for later if you cooked too much.
- Be creative in the kitchen. That speckled banana is good for a breakfast shake or muffins.
- Store leftovers in see-through containers or label them with a marker and painters’ tape, keeping oldest items at the front of fridge.
- Compost what’s left.

Please recycle plastic containers #1-7, glass, metal, paper, cardboard. Details inside.

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Large Items

If you have furniture, mattresses or other large items, contact your property manager. They can schedule a bulky pick-up for a fee. Call 707.747.0608 to schedule.

Leaving or just arrived? Look for “Moving In” and “Moving Out” flyers to assist you with discards at [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://www.RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA)

Cardboard boxes can be recycled in the large bins at the Benicia Corporation Yard, address below. Please flatten your cardboard. No Styrofoam or plastic.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Free HHW drop offs. Take antifreeze, household batteries, car batteries (no EV), motor oil (+filters), paint, aerosols, and mercury thermostats to Republic Services’ Drop Off Facility at the Benicia Corp. Yard, 2400 E. 2nd St., open Saturdays 9a.m.-noon. No appointment is needed. Bring your driver’s license with Benicia address.

Additional locations to dispose of batteries: Benicia Library (containers are near restrooms), inside City Hall entrance, at Pedrotti Ace Hardware in the Southampton Shopping Center. Pedrotti’s also accepts light tubes and light bulbs.

Old Medications: There is a drop box for old pharmaceuticals at the Benicia Police Dept., 200 E L St. It is outside (under surveillance) with 24/7 access. Instructions are posted at the box. Please leave only controlled (doctor prescribed) items.

Sorting is important!

Placing organics or recycling into the correct container reduces contaminating the entire truckload. Think before you toss, including using the right bag (or no bag).

Thank you for being a responsible tenant.

Miss any Sustainable Solano/Republic Services online classes or presentations? Visit [SustainableSolano.org](https://www.SustainableSolano.org) and Sustainable Solano’s YouTube channel [youtube.com/sustainablesolano](https://www.youtube.com/sustainablesolano) and get caught up on sourcing local food, composting, cooking, and more. Need compost for your garden or inside plants? Republic Services hosts two free compost giveaways (spring and fall). Visit [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://www.RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA)

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