



## Apartment and 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. You must subscribe to and participate in the organics and recycling program or self-haul organics and recyclables to a specified composting facility, community composting program, or other collection activity/program. Go to [CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](https://CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp), for more information.

#### Property managers are required to:

- Annually educate tenants on the legal requirement to separate organics for composting, and how to properly sort materials (organics, recycle and landfill). Residents can participate by preventing/reducing food waste, composting at home and using the green organics cart.
- Provide information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.

Go to [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) for tenant outreach materials.

### Technical and Educational Assistance

Need help making sure you are in compliance with the above legislation? Want to improve your recycling and/or organics programs? Need to start a program? Employees need training? Republic Services 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 Marie Knutson, Sustainability Advisor, [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com) or 707.694.4570.



## Household Hazardous Waste

It is **ILLEGAL** to throw hazardous waste in your carts and dumpsters. **Never pour chemicals down the drain.**

Multi-Family Units are considered commercial accounts and/or businesses. Republic Services does not pick up hazardous waste from commercial accounts. The Napa Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in American Canyon does not accept hazardous waste from Benicia. Ponder Environmental and Clean Harbors (both in Benicia) have collection services available. For a list of additional agencies, contact [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com). If you are transporting hazardous waste, transport only 15 gallons or 125 pounds maximum per trip.

**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.

## Large Item Pickups

If you have furniture, mattresses or other large items, a property representative/owner can schedule a bulky pick-up for a fee. Call 707.747.0608 to schedule.

**Tenant leaving or just arrived?** Look for “Moving In” and “Moving Out” flyers to assist your tenants with discards at [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA).

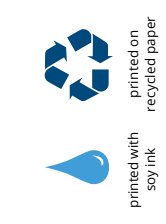


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# Apartment & Condo Guide to Recycling and Organics

for Managers





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# Recycle

A collection of various recyclable items including a brown glass bottle, a stack of newspapers, a glass jar, a brown paper bag, a flattened cardboard box, a metal pie pan, a crushed aluminum can, a plastic bottle, a stack of papers, and a can of chicken noodle soup.



Empty, Clean, and Dry

# Compost



A collage of various food and garden waste items suitable for composting. The items include a bouquet of red and white flowers, a pile of green leaves, a core of a red apple, an open pizza box with food remnants, three cracked eggshells, a brown paper cup, a chicken bone, and a white plate with food scraps including a corn dog and sauce.



Use Compostable BPI Bag (meets ASTM 6400 Standard), Paper Bags, or No Bag

# Apartment and Condominium Recycling



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



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# Food Scrap Composting



Residents can use the pail for storage and then empty their food scraps into the green organics cart. They may line their 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 have residents who would like a pail, contact Marie Knutson, Sustainability Advisor, [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com) or 707.694.4570.

 **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.



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





No Liquids



No Textiles



No Carpet



No Food



No Green Waste



No Hazardous Waste



No Styrofoam®



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Recyclables should be loose (no bags).

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



-  **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—not plastic bags. No compostable plastic.

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