



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, 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 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 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.

Take paint, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, solvents, and other chemicals used in property maintenance to the **Napa-Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**, 889A Devlin Road, American Canyon, 800.984.9661. Transport only 15 gallons or 125 pounds maximum per trip. Complexes with shared trash and recycling bins are considered commercial businesses and need an appointment and have a fee for HHW service.

Sharps: Sharps are not allowed in garbage or recycle carts. Place them in a puncture-proof container (like detergent bottle) and tape lid to securely close. Drop off container at Firehouse, 150 Military West, free of charge.

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.



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Apartment & Condo Guide to Recycling and Organics

for Managers



Sustainability in Action



Landfill



Recycle



Compost



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 any totes to distribute to your residents, please contact Marie Knutson, Sustainability Advisor, mknutson@republicservices.com or 707.694.4570.

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



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 or 707.694.4570.



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

- 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®



Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or placed in a clear bag only.

- 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.



Service Reminder

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