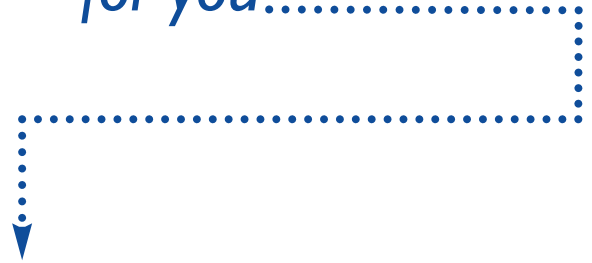


Mandatory Recycling at Multi-Family Dwellings



Here's why this could be good news for you.....



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More recycling means less trash.....

So you could save money on disposal costs.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE COUNTY'S MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS



Exemption Protocol:

If a property owner wants to request a waiver or exemption, then the owner must obtain and complete a form and provide documentation that supports the request. After the County or the waste hauler conducts an on-site visit, the County will issue a Notice of Determination on whether or not to grant the waiver or exemption.

Compliance and Enforcement:

If a property owner refuses to recycle or has unacceptably high levels of contamination (more than 25% trash) in the multi-family dwelling's recycling containers, a non-compliance fee of 20% of the trash bill will be imposed.

(Please note: The service provider's drivers and/or County staff will determine the level of contamination.)

BACKGROUND

Since September 2003, the County of Santa Barbara has had a very successful mandatory recycling program for owners of apartments, condominiums, and mobile home parks (multi-family dwellings) in the unincorporated areas of Carpinteria, Summerland, and Montecito (Zone 1), as well as Mission Canyon, Isla Vista, Goleta (south of Hollister Avenue), Hope Ranch, Star/Highway 154, New Cuyama, and Ventucopa (Zone 3).

Most property owners have established a program at their multi-family buildings to enable their tenants to recycle, however, some owners have not. By establishing a recycling program, you could save money. As your tenants recycle more and more materials, they'll dump less and less into your trash containers. Since recycling service costs less than trash service, you could lower your monthly waste disposal bill.

STATEWIDE MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REGULATION

Through Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341), the State of California has established a goal to divert at least 75% of the State's waste by 2020. To help achieve this goal, owners statewide of multi-family dwellings of five units or more are now required to establish a recycling program. To learn more about AB 341, please visit the website of the state agency overseeing its implementation, CalRecycle: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Climate/Recycling/default.htm>

IT'S EASY TO START RECYCLING

If you have not started a recycling program, start one now and join other property owners and tenants who are recycling. The easiest way to comply with the County's mandatory recycling program is to call your waste hauling company. They'll work with you to determine the level of recycling service that's just right for your building.



Your waste hauler will then provide the recycling containers that you need. After four to six weeks, contact your waste hauler to have your trash service adjusted, assuming your trash volume is reduced. Charges will depend on the levels of recycling and trash service you both agree upon. Generally, the more material that is recycled, the more money that you can save.

Another option would be to share a recycling container with a nearby property owner. Contact that property owner to obtain his/her approval and then notify your waste hauler and the County. Upon verification of this arrangement, the County will then give its approval.

If your overall volume of recyclables is rather small, then you might consider self-hauling your recyclable materials to a drop-off facility. To find the one closest to you, call us at **(805) 882-3616** or visit our recycling website, **www.LessIsMore.org**.



Your Local Waste Hauler Serving Zones 1 and 3

MarBorg Industries: (805) 963-1852

(Serving the unincorporated areas of Carpinteria, Summerland, Montecito, Mission Canyon, Isla Vista, Goleta south of Hollister Avenue, Hope Ranch, Star/Highway 154, New Cuyama, and Ventucopa.)

Here's What's Recyclable

- Aluminum foil and pie plates (must be clean)
- Cardboard
- Glass containers
- Metal cans
- Mixed paper, including magazines, envelopes, and junk mail
- Newspapers
- Paperboard e.g. cereal and tissue boxes
- Plastic film e.g. bags, bubble wrap, and shrink wrap **(New materials now accepted!)**
- Pots and pans and
- Hard plastics #1 through #7 (but no Styrofoam)

Tips to Reduce Waste and Save Money

To enhance your recycling efforts, encourage your tenants to adopt the philosophy of “**Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.**”

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Reuse bags, containers, and other items.
- Donate discarded electronic equipment.
- To save space in your recycling containers, crush cans and plastic containers and flatten all cardboard.
- Reuse or donate packaging materials such as foam board, bubble wrap, and “popcorn” to local packaging stores. They'll appreciate it. And so will Mother Nature.
- Take bulky wastes, such as discarded furniture and appliances to the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station. It's located at 4430 Calle Real in Santa Barbara.

