

FREE Multi-Housing Recycling Program Can Save You Money! **by the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation**

Did you know Los Angeles County alone needs to dispose over 3,500 tons of trash each and every day? That's a lot of trash that's being dumped into landfills. Recycling is easy for homeowners, thanks to those great big blue bins that provide curbside recycling. But what about apartment owners?

In a city where two thirds of residents rent their homes now, the contribution that Multifamily Recycling will make to diversion from landfills is massive. It also means everyone can be good environmental stewards, whether they are rich or poor, owners of single family homes or live in apartments. **The service is free to tenants and landlords.**

The City of Los Angeles provides eligible multifamily residential buildings with FREE weekly recycling services. Multifamily residential buildings, such as apartments, townhomes, cooperatives and condominiums must have a minimum of five attached residential units. Multifamily residential properties participating in the program, receive the following:

- FREE recycling services once a week
- FREE blue bins for storage of recyclables
- FREE educational materials for residents about the types of materials accepted in blue bins
- Convenient Service which does not require tenants, managers or owners to take the blue bins to the street for service

What Can Be Recycled?

All Clean Dry Paper

Computer, ledger, wrapping, colored, arts and craft paper, unwanted mail, flyers, telephone books, note cards, newspaper, blueprints, magazines, file folders, paper bags, Post-it notes, catalogs; and all envelopes including those with windows.

All Cardboard Boxes and Chipboard

Cereal, tissue, dry food, frozen food, shoe, and detergent boxes; paper and toilet rolls; and corrugated boxes broken down and flattened.

All Aluminum, Tin, Steel Metal, and Bi-Metal Cans

Rinsed if possible, soda, juice, soup, vegetables, and pet food cans; pie tins; clean aluminum foils; empty paint and aerosol cans with plastic caps removed, and wire hangers

All Glass Bottles and Jars

Rinsed if possible, soda, wine, beer, spaghetti sauce, pickle jars, broken bottles, and etc.

All Clean Plastics

- **Empty Plastic Containers**
rinsed if possible, soda, juice, detergent, bleach, shampoo, lotion, mouthwash, dishwashing liquid bottles, milk jugs, tubs for margarine and yogurt, plastic planters, food and blister packaging, rigid clamshell packaging, etc.
- **All Plastic Bags and All Film Bags**
grocery bags and dry cleaner bags, all all clean film plastic
- **All Clean Polystyrene (Styrofoam®)**
Styrofoam® cups, containers, and packaging such as Styrofoam® eggshell cartons, Styrofoam® block packaging, and Styrofoam® clamshell packaging
- **Miscellaneous Plastics**
Plastic coat hangers, non-electric plastic toys, plastic swimming pools, & plastic laundry basket

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What type or residential buildings are eligible for the program?

Multifamily residential buildings can be apartment buildings, condominiums, cooperatives, and other property zoned for multiple residential units.

To qualify for the FREE program, multifamily residential buildings must meet the following criteria:

- It must consist of five attached residential units or more
- It must not currently be receiving City collection services
- It must be within the City limits of Los Angeles

Q. Is there any cost to property owners and tenants that participate in the program?

NO. There is no cost associated with participating in the program. Many property owners and managers find that there is a cost savings associated with participating in the program. Diverting recyclables away from trash bins often result in a reduced need for multiple trash collection services during the week. Fewer trash pickups during the week can save property owners a substantial amount of money with continued participation in the FREE program.

Q. What are the benefits of enrolling my multifamily residential property?

There are many benefits for owners and residents who participate in the multifamily recycling program. When residents place recyclables in blue bins rather than trash cans, it will lessen the chances that the trash cans will become full, will overflow and attract pests and vermin. Recycling is a great way to reduce or eliminate pests and vermin that would otherwise enjoy overflowing trash. Also, if the volume of regular trash in bins is reduced significantly, then the trash bins won't have to be serviced as frequently.

This can result in cost savings for property owners and managers.

How to Enroll Your Apartments

Enrollment is a simple process. As an apartment owner you can register your multifamily residential property. Simply call 213-473-4142 or send an email to multifamily@lacity.org. Please include the following information:

- Address of residence and zip code
- Type of multifamily residence (apartment, condo, etc)
- Number of units
- Owner name and phone number

Condos and Townhomes

Homeowners Association approval is necessary to enroll an owner-occupied property into the program. Please provide the above mentioned information and the contact name and phone number for a HOA representative.

For more information, please visit the program website at www.larecycles.org.