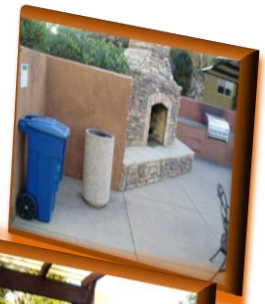
Archstone Mission Valley
2288 Fenton Parkway, 92108

Archstone Mission Valley is a 780 unit apartment complex managed by Archstone Communities, a member of the San Diego County Apartment Association. The complex is participating in the City of San Diego's multi-family recycling pilot program that distributed re-usable, in-unit recycling bags to multi-family residents. The bags were purchased with grant money from the State Department of Conservation, and were designed to assist residents with collection of recyclables at their home and transporting them to a central disposal area in the complex. The bags are made of 100% recycled plastic. They are flexible, have a large capacity and can fit in small spaces or even be hung. They are also easy to carry, leaving residents' hands free to carry other items such as trash bags, which is also disposed at the same location.

The implementation and education outreach for the recycling program included exchanging trash dumpsters for recycling dumpsters, placing recycling containers in the complex's common areas such as pool, barbecue area, gym, mail boxes and staff offices, sending written information to residents about the recycling program, and always having an environmental article in their monthly newsletters. Residents are participating at an impressive level resulting in an approximate 67% waste diversion rate. Property Manager Kimberly Heald reports saving over $900 per month on their waste collection bills.



Archstone Mission Valley team, headed by property manager Kimberly Heald, receiving the October's Recycler of the Month award