

Updated Recycling Requirements

Effective July 1, 2012

Changes have been made to the City's Recycling Ordinance to comply with State mandated requirements that resulted from Assembly Bill 341, which was passed in 2011. The following is a summary of requirements for each sector:

Single-family residences – recycling is still mandatory for all single-family residences per the City's Recycling Ordinance. This includes residences serviced by the City of San Diego, and by private haulers.

Multi-family properties (apartments and condominiums) –

City serviced – recycling is still mandatory per the City's Recycling Ordinance.

Privately serviced – properties generating four or more cubic yards of trash per week (lowered from "more than six cubic yards") are required to recycle per the City's Recycling Ordinance. Properties with five or more units must recycle per California's "[Mandatory Commercial Recycling](#)" program. NOTE: Some privately serviced apartments and condominiums will be exempt from the City's Recycling Ordinance, but will be required to recycle per the State's program (See CalRecycle's "[Mandatory Commercial Recycling](#)" for more information).

Privately serviced businesses, commercial / institutional facilities – properties generating four or more cubic yards of trash per week (lowered from "more than six cubic yards") are required to recycle.

Special events requiring a City permit – the responsible person for a community special event must provide recycling containers throughout the venue.

Required recyclable materials – all properties must recycle plastic and glass bottles and jars, paper, newspaper, metal containers and cardboard. City serviced residences, and privately serviced commercial and institutional properties must also recycle rigid plastics including clean food waste containers, jugs, tubs, trays, pots, buckets, and toys. Residents serviced by a private hauler are encouraged to recycle these additional plastic items as well. Special event organizers can determine types of recyclables to be collected, as long as the recyclables include aluminum and metal cans, glass and plastic bottles and jars.