



The City of San Diego Multi-Family Recycler of the Month Award

Stadium Arms Apartments 4525 Twain Avenue, 92120



Stadium Arms Apartments is a 124 unit apartment complex managed by Kimberley Tapia, from Stadium Arms Apartments LP, 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 a recycling tote by mail boxes, recycling information in the laundry room and sending written information to residents about the recycling program. Residents' response was very positive. As a result, the complex reduced approximately 64% of their trash, which went from 56 to 36 cubic yards a week, and increased recycling volume from 3 to 12 cubic yards a week. These changes represented a savings of almost \$700 per month on waste collection bill. Property Manager Kimberly Tapia and Maintenance Supervisor Felipe Perez work closely with residents, educating them about what can and cannot be recycled. They work hard to make recycling convenient to the residents, and even offer an onsite Christmas tree recycling program during the holiday season.



Stadium Arms Apartment's Property Manager Kimberly Tapia and Maintenance Supervisor Felipe Perez, receiving the November's Recycler of the Month award