

Recycling Made Easy: APARTMENTS & CONDOS

Why recycle?

By making recycling part of your family's lifestyle, you can help make San José a cleaner place to live and protect the environment.

Recycling in apartments and condos has never been easier. Just place all of your recyclables in the recycling carts or bin and your garbage in the dumpster.

Get your family involved. Let them know that recycling is something simple that they each can do to save natural resources. Every bottle, can, cardboard box, or newspaper that you recycle is one less item that ends up in a landfill.

Organizing inside

Recycling is just a matter of setting up a simple system that works for you. Keeping recyclables separate prevents contaminating them with garbage.

Inside your home, use separate bags, baskets, or containers for collecting recyclables and garbage in various rooms. Bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, desks, and reading areas are all likely to have bottles, cans, boxes, and paper. Also, smaller bags are lighter and easier to carry to the enclosure.

Going out?

Before dashing off to work or elsewhere, just bring your bags of recyclables to the recycling carts or bin and drop them in. That way you'll leave empty-handed since bags are recyclable, too. If the closest recycling cart or bin is too full, place your recyclables in the recycling cart or bin of a nearby enclosure. This helps prevent messy, overflowing enclosures.





Weekly collection

Collection for all material occurs between 6 AM and 6 PM. Frequency of collection varies by complex; contact your property manager for details.

The right way

- Never put garbage in the recycling container. All household garbage goes in the garbage dumpster. This way recyclables are not contaminated by garbage.
- Always flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling cart or bin. This helps make room for more recyclables.

Other materials

ELECTRONIC WASTE

Never place items such as televisions, monitors and computers in garbage or recycling containers. These items contain toxins that are harmful to people and the environment.

Visit www.recyclestuff.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (800) 533-8414 or (408) 924-5453 for information on how to dispose of electronic waste properly.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Never place hazardous materials such as batteries, paint, cleaning fluids, motor oil, medical waste, or fluorescent lights in garbage or recycling containers. Call (408) 299-7300 to make a free drop-off appointment.

YARD TRIMMINGS

Collection of yard trimmings varies by complex; contact your property manager for details. Remember to avoid parking on top of yard trimmings piles in the street. And please keep yard trimmings out of the recycling carts and bins. This helps to prevent contamination of recyclables, especially paper.

LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Never place large items such as sofas, tires, or mattresses in the dumpster. Call your property manager to arrange a special pick-up.

