

City of Victorville Recycling Program for Apartments, Mobile Home Parks, and Condominium Complexes

The City of Victorville has a recycling program for apartments, mobile home parks, and condominiums. Through this program, multi-family residents can recycle newspapers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, bottles, cans, and plastics. In addition, separate bins are available for garden trimmings.

Why Recycle:

Recycling Is Mandatory: State Law AB 341 requires all multi-family housing units of 5 units and above to recycle. In addition, Victorville Municipal Code Section 6.36 requires the separation of designated recyclable materials from trash. It is unlawful to place recyclable materials in solid waste containers. The City of Victorville—and all other CA municipalities—is mandated to reduce the amount of trash landfilled by 50% by the year 2000 and beyond—per the requirements of State Law AB 939 and AB 1826. If the City does not make significant progress towards achieving this goal, the City—and hence its ratepayers—could be subject to fines of up to \$10,000 per day from the State. Multi-family housing units represent approximately 30% of the City's total housing stock. State law AB 1826 requires multifamily housing accounts to divert green waste from the trash or landfill as well. Recycling at multi-family complexes is an essential part of the City's plan to comply with AB 939 and AB 1826.

Economics: Recycling lowers the trash disposal fees for most multi-family complexes by decreasing the volume of trash discarded.

Environment: Recycling saves valuable resources and conserves landfill space. It's a simple and tangible way for residents and complex owners to help the environment. Recycling does make a difference in improving environmental quality.

How:

Two different types of recycling service are available. Complexes can use recycling "dumpsters" from 1.5 to 3 cubic yards in size. If there is limited space for dumpsters, complexes may instead use clusters of blue recycling "carts" similar to those used in single-family residences.

Recycling dumpsters or carts are placed in appropriate locations around the complex. Recycling containers are emptied on a regular schedule each week.

Recycling dumpsters in lime green are for green waste and garden trimmings ONLY. No trash or plastic bags are allowed.

Assistance Is Available:

The City's goal is to make starting a recycling program as easy as possible. The City will:

- Provide public education materials for all tenants—fliers, posters, door hangers, etc.
- Meet with management and staff to plan and coordinate details of bin selection, location, and pick-up schedules.
- Attend homeowner or tenant meetings to answer questions.
- Provide recycling containers for each unit (subject to availability).

How To Get Started:

Call the City of Victorville Recycling Program at (760) 955-8615 to set up an appointment. A representative will visit you at your complex, discuss recycling options, help you fine-tune the services you need, present estimated cost savings, and answer any questions you have.



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