Apartment Compliance Checklist: Waste Laws & Ordinances



will be kept out of landfill.





There are several State-wide laws and County-wide Ordinances focused on waste that apply to apartments in Marin. These laws have been passed to tackle climate change and plastic pollution. Use this checklist to ensure you are meeting all of the requirements mandated by these laws.

How can Zero Waste Marin help with these laws?

Visit our website to see our available signage and training resources or contact us to inquire about a training for your staff at zerowaste@marincounty.gov.

How can my multi-family dwelling (MFD) comply?

Use the categorized checklist below to ensure you are familiar with the requirements for apartments / multi-family dwellings.

Outdoors: Waste Service Requirements (CA Senate Bill 1383)

Waste collection refers to how waste is removed from your site; most commonly, this refers to the collection services offered by the private waste hauler servicing a given area. It can also refer to self-hauling, when a site handles the transportation and disposal of their own waste.

 Buildings must have adequate service to collect all of the recyclables and organic waste generated, unless self-hauling and maintaining records proving separation. Organic waste includes food scraps, yard trimmings, and paper/cardboard. 	
Organic waste and recycling carts must be located at each waste enclosure.	
All waste enclosures must have a designated spot for cardboard recycling, or adequate bin space for cardboard recycling.	
Ensure contracts or work agreements between your property and a gardening or landscape service specify that yard waste	

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Education & Training Requirements (CA Senate Bill 1383) Annually, train all employees, contractors, and tenants on the following: • Waste diversion requirements under the law, and • How to properly sort recycling and compost into the correct bins. Inform tenants that placing recyclables and organic waste into the wrong bins is prohibited by law. Provide information to new tenants about their responsibilities to sort waste correctly within 14 days of move-in. Education & Training Log Use this part of the checklist to keep track of required education. Recordkeeping is part of the requirements.					
Annual training was provided on this date:					
Training included: Flyers distributed to staff/ contractors/ tenants Presentation/training given during a meeting Video(s) distributed to staff/ contractors/ tenants Other Contamination Monitoring Requirements (CA Senate Bill 1383) Inspect trash/landfill, recycling, and compost bins for contamination on a quarterly basis. Remind tenants about proper sorting if bins are found to be contaminated. Contamination Monitoring Log Use this part of the checklist to keep track of required contamination monitoring. Recordkeeping is part of the requirements.					
Quarter	Monitoring Date	Contamination Found?	Date of Reminder to Tenants		
January - March					
April - June					
July - September					
October - December					