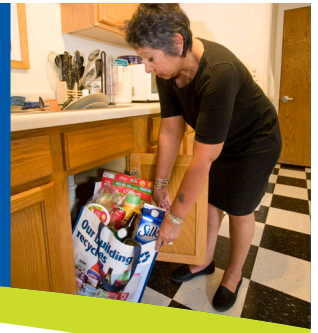


# Recycling requirements for multifamily properties



Multifamily properties in Hennepin County are required to provide recycling service and ensure residents have the information and access they need to recycle right.

## How to comply

### 1. Provide education annually

Provide written waste management information that includes:

- Reasons why residents should reduce, reuse and recycle
- Recycling guidelines that includes a list of materials accepted and not accepted, and any necessary preparation instructions
- Location of trash and recycling collection containers on-site
- Disposal options for bulky items, such as mattresses and furniture, and hazardous wastes
- Contact information for the city or Hennepin County for additional information

This information must be distributed to residents at move-in and at least once per year thereafter.

Recycling guides and additional waste disposal information can be ordered or downloaded at no cost from the county.

### 2. Pair recycling bins with trash bins

Wherever there is a trash container in a common area, place a recycling bin next to it or close by. Common areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, mail pickup areas, and community rooms. The recycling bin must be large enough so it doesn't overflow and result in recyclables being placed in the trash.

The county offers grants to help multifamily properties purchase recycling containers.

### 3. Label bins

Label each bin with the waste type collected (e.g. trash, recycling, cardboard). Labels must also:

- Be color coded (blue for recycling, green for organics if applicable and red, gray or black for trash)
- Include images
- Include preparation instructions where applicable (e.g. flatten cardboard)

Property managers and owners are responsible for labeling containers in common areas. Replace labels if they become unreadable or show items that are no longer accepted in that waste stream.

Your waste hauler is responsible for labeling the recycling and trash containers provided to the property for waste collection. All accessible sides of a container should be labeled.

Labels that meet these requirements are available from the county.

### 4. Have adequate recycling hauling service

Multifamily properties must provide single-sort recycling service where all recyclables are mixed. The recycling service must be adequate for the amount of recyclables being generated on-site. If recycling bins are consistently overflowing, and result in recyclables being placed in the trash instead, properties are required to increase service levels.

Right-sizing your recycling service could help save money. It generally costs less to dispose of recycling than trash and you can avoid fees for overflowing or inaccessible carts.

## Enforcement

Recycling at multifamily properties is required by city code and the county's recycling ordinance. The county has the authority to inspect properties. Properties will first be given an opportunity to comply before warnings or citations for noncompliance are issued.

## Learn more

More information about the requirements and what to recycle is available at [hennepin.us/apartmentsrecycle](http://hennepin.us/apartmentsrecycle)



## Take advantage of free resources

### Recycling materials

Recycling guides, posters, labels, and storage totes are available at no cost to help you educate your residents on how and what to recycle.



### Site visits



Staff are available to help ensure your set-up is easily accessible and properly labeled. Staff can also give presentations to residents and conduct door-to-door outreach.

### Grants

Grants are available to start or improve recycling. Funding can be used to purchase recycling containers or improve onsite recycling infrastructure.