

## Apartment/Condo Recycling Laws

**SB 1383: Reducing Organic Waste:** State law, SB 1383, is a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived pollutants by reducing organics waste disposal to 75% by 2025. Organic material accounts for more than half of the material in California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to global climate change. As of January 2022, residents are required to separate organics, including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings, for composting. The USDA estimates Americans waste \$218 billion dollars' worth of food every year — about 400 pounds per person. Six million tons of food gets thrown away in California every year, per CalRecycle. Go to [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp), for more information. Also visit [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) for information specific to Benicia.

### How to Reduce Food Waste at Home

- Stick to your grocery list and meal plan, only buying what you need.
- Freeze leftovers for later if you cooked too much.
- Be creative in the kitchen. That speckled banana is good for a breakfast shake or muffins.
- Store leftovers in see-through containers or label them with a marker and painters' tape, keeping oldest items at the front of fridge.
- Compost what's left.

**Please recycle plastics #1-7, glass, metal, paper, cardboard. Details inside.**

## Large Items

If you have furniture, mattresses, electronics, or other large items, a property representative/owner can schedule a bulky pick-up for a fee by calling 707.747.0608.

**Leaving or just arrived?** Look for "Moving In" and "Moving Out" flyers to assist you with discards at [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA)

**Cardboard boxes** can be recycled in the large bins at the Benicia Corporation Yard, address below. Please flatten your cardboard. No Styrofoam or plastic.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

**Free HHW drop offs.** Take antifreeze, household batteries, car batteries (no EV), motor oil (+filters), paint, aerosols, and mercury thermostats to Republic Services' Drop Off Facility at the Benicia Corp. Yard, 2400 E. 2nd St., open Saturdays 9a.m.-noon. No appointment is needed. Bring your driver's license with Benicia address.



**Additional locations to dispose of batteries:** Benicia Library (containers are near restrooms), inside City Hall entrance, at Pedrotti Ace Hardware in the Southampton Shopping Center. Pedrotti's also accepts light tubes and light bulbs.

**Sharps:** Sharps are not allowed in garbage or recycle carts. Place them in a puncture-proof container (like detergent bottle) and tape lid to securely close. When full, drop off container at the fire station, 150 Military West, free of charge.

**Old Medications:** There is a drop box for old pharmaceuticals at the Benicia Police Dept., 200 E L St. It is outside (under surveillance) with 24/7 access. Instructions are posted at the box. Please leave only controlled (doctor prescribed) items.

### Sorting is important!

Placing organics or recycling into the correct container reduces contaminating the entire truckload. Think before you toss, including using the right bag (or no bag).

**Thank you for being a responsible tenant.**

**Miss any Sustainable Solano/Republic Services online classes or presentations?** Visit [SustainableSolano.org](http://SustainableSolano.org) and Sustainable Solano's YouTube channel [youtube.com/sustainablesolano](http://youtube.com/sustainablesolano) and get caught up on sourcing local food, composting, cooking, and more. Need compost for your garden or inside plants? Republic Services hosts two free compost giveaways (spring and fall). Visit [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA)

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# Apartment & Condo Guide to Recycling and Organics

for Tenants



Sustainability in Action



# Landfill



# Recycle



# Compost



# Did you know?

## Apartment and Condominium Recycling



To make recycling easier, handy reusable recycling totes are available to residents at no cost. Ask the manager of your complex or HOA to contact Marie Knutson, Sustainability Advisor, [mknutson@republicservices.com](mailto:mknutson@republicservices.com) or 707.694.4570.

### Keep Recycling Clean

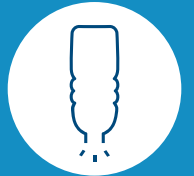
To meet strict quality requirements in this new era of recycling, please make sure your recyclables are:



Empty. Remove any remaining food or liquid.



Clean. Wipe or lightly rinse the item.



Dry. Shake out excess moisture or air dry.

**Recyclables should be loose (no bags)**

## Food Scrap Composting



Residents can use the pail for storage and then empty their food scraps into the green organics cart. They may line their food scrap pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a BPI-Certified Compostable bag (the only type of Compostable plastic we can accept).

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**Important:** Biodegradable plastics AND REGULAR PLASTICS are not acceptable because they don't break down completely in our compost process.

- No Food
- No Paper
- No Green Waste
- No Recyclable Material
- No Hazardous Waste



- No Liquids
- No Textiles
- No Carpet
- No Food
- No Green Waste
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Styrofoam®



Recyclables should be loose (no bags) or placed in a clear bag only.

- No Metal
- No Glass
- No Plastic
- No Hazardous Waste
- No Compostable Utensils Or Cups
- No Pet Waste

Organics should be loose (no bags) or in compostable or paper bags only—not plastic bags. No compostable plastic.



## Service Reminder

Lids must close. Overloaded or contaminated containers may not be serviced.