

Residential Buildings

Take a Closer Look at *Chicago Recycling*

The Chicago High Density Residential and Commercial Source Reduction and Recycling Ordinance requires any residential building that contracts for private waste hauling to have an effective recycling program. This information sheet, together with the Recycling Guide (also available from the Department of Environment), will help you comply.

For residential buildings, the ordinance specifies that a "source separated" program is preferable to "post-collection systems". This means that the City recommends you choose a program where recyclable items are kept separate from regular trash. (In order to have a "post-collection" system, you must be able to show undue financial hardship and space constraint and provide to the City results of an analytical waste audit.)

APPROVED RECYCLABLES INCLUDE:

- newspaper
- mixed residential paper
- corrugated cardboard
- magazines and catalogs
- glass bottles and jars
- aluminum cans
- steel and bi-metal cans
- plastic containers
- fluorescent bulbs
- high-intensity discharge lamps

SOURCE REDUCTION MEASURES:

- Compost yard waste
- Use long-lasting, energy efficient light bulbs with median life expectancies of 9000 hours or long-lasting, energy efficient fixtures
- Use a mulching lawn mower
- Use reusable furnace and air conditioner filters
- Provide residents with string or cloth shopping bags
- Use rechargeable batteries in smoke detectors
- Use non-toxic cleaning products
- Provide residents with information on how to remove their names from junk mail lists
- Provide a bulletin board for residents to advertise items they are discarding
- Purchase refillable supplies such as detergents and cleaning agents

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR EDUCATING RESIDENTS:

- Provide recycling program information to people as they look at apartments or condos
- Provide recycling program information with every lease
- Make sure that the real estate agents are aware of your program and use it as a selling point

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