



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Public Works Department
Solid Waste Division

Multi-family Properties

On June 6, 2022, the City of Gainesville Commission approved new Zero Waste Ordinances for the City of Gainesville. The new ordinances and updates to the existing commercial recycling ordinance require your attention to ensure compliance by the effective dates.

Multi-Family Property Recycling (see below for effective dates)



- Multi-family properties establish a recycling program that:
 1. Includes **recycling of all designated recyclable materials**: corrugated cardboard, paperboard, newspaper & magazines, office paper, metal cans, glass bottles & jars, and plastic bottles, jugs & jars. **(Already in effect)**
 2. Recycling must be as convenient and accessible to residents as garbage collection. **(Effective 1/1/2023)**
 3. Provide an adequate level of service and capacity of designated recyclable collection containers. **(Effective 1/1/2023)**
 4. Post and maintain recycling educational signs in common areas where recyclables are collected. **(Effective 1/1/2023)**
 5. Distribute recycling information to all tenants at least once annually and to all new tenants on move-in. **(Effective 1/1/2023)**
 6. Provide at least one indoor recycle storage container per unit. **(Effective 10/1/2023)**

Garbage Collection Frequency – 2 x week (Effective: 9/2/2022)



- Multi-family properties shall have at a minimum of twice per week garbage collection service.
- Properties serviced using compacting dumpsters are exempt from this minimum frequency.
- Multi-family properties must arrange for items such as furniture, appliances, construction and demolition debris or any material not considered a part of the customer's normal collection service to be picked up within seven days of being placed for collection.

Public Litter Receptacles (Effective: 9/2/2022)



- Place an equal number of recycling receptacles for the collection of bottles and cans next to the garbage receptacles. Receptacles must integrate labeling consisting of text and images on the body or adjacent to the opening of the container that is consistent with City provided samples provided by the solid waste division.

Lease Transition Plan (Effective: 200 units or more by 7/1/2023, 50 units or more by 1/1/2025)



- Multi-family properties shall submit a Lease Transition Plan (a.k.a., Reuse Plan) to divert usable and functioning household goods, furnishings, and electronics, and recyclable cardboard resulting from the high volume move-in and move-out periods. At a minimum, the refuse plan must contain the following:
 1. Notice to tenants at least one month in advance of move-out period with donation information.
 2. Location of donation collection site.
 3. Weather protection plan.
 4. Identity the local reuse organization that will accept donated goods.

Food Waste Collection (Effective 6/1/2024)



- All multi-family properties shall establish a food waste collection program that:
 1. Includes the collection and diversion of food waste from the waste stream and has proof of a valid and current contract with a food waste registrant or receipts for collection and delivery of food waste materials to a food waste processing facility.
 2. Food waste collection must be as convenient and accessible to the residents as garbage and recycling collection.
 3. Provides an adequate level of service and capacity of food waste collection containers.
 4. Posts and maintain one or more signs in common areas where food waste is collected.
 5. Distribute food waste collection information to all tenants at least once annually and to all new tenants on move-in.
 6. Provide at least one indoor food waste storage container per unit.

For more information on these and other Zero Waste Ordinances adopted by the City of Gainesville, visit gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste. To contact the City's Solid Waste Division, email waste@gainesvillefl.gov or call 352-334-2330.