

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Recapping Gainesville's Commercial Recycling Ordinance

The city's commercial recycling ordinance, which has been in effect since 1997, was recently renewed and updated by the City Commission. **The commercial recycling ordinance requires all businesses to separate and recycle designated materials from their waste stream.** This includes all offices, institutions, retail stores, restaurants, bars, hotels, motels, and other commercially-collected properties. **Apartments and condominiums must establish recycling programs that are convenient and accessible to tenants, and includes all the designated materials.**

Designated materials are as follows:

Containers:

- Metal Cans (steel & aluminum)
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars

Papers:

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard & Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Junk Mail
- Newspaper & Magazines
- Phone Books & Catalogs
- Manuals & Paperback Books

The City of Gainesville's Solid Waste Division is available to help businesses fulfill the requirements of the Commercial Recycling Ordinance. Solid Waste Division professionals can provide technical assistance in starting recycling programs, reaching compliance with the ordinance, and a list of commercial service providers. For more information on this ordinance, visit gainesvillefl.gov/recycle.

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