

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

City Offers Support to Apartment Property Managers in Achieving Compliance with Zero Waste Ordinance

To reach the City of Gainesville's goal of Zero Waste by 2040, residents and businesses will need to work together to rethink their waste habits and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. To support this effort, the **City's Zero Waste Team is available to assist multi-family property owners and managers** in evaluating their waste streams, improving collection services, identifying the necessary steps to reach compliance with city ordinances, and ensuring long-term program success.

Two key ordinances that all multi-family properties (apartments and condominiums) should be aware of and working toward achieving compliance are:

- **Lease Transition Plans** – Starting January 1, 2025, apartment and condominium complexes with 50 or more units must submit a Lease Transition Plan to the City. These plans are critical for reducing landfill waste and avoiding overflowing waste containers during high-volume move-in and move-out periods when waste output can double or triple. Proactively creating a plan ensures effective waste management and encourages residents to sell or donate usable bulky items, helping property managers save on hauling fees.
- **Recycling Services** – Properties must provide recycling collection services that are as convenient and as accessible to residents as garbage collection services, have an adequate level of recycling service, educate tenants about the recycling program at that property, and make available at least one indoor recycle storage container for each unit. A well-designed recycling program saves money by lowering garbage disposal costs and helps prevent overflowing garbage dumpsters.

For detailed information on the above ordinances and other related waste regulations, visit gainesvillefl.gov/apartment-Recycling. Available resources for property managers and owners include a Zero Waste Toolkit, free apartment recycling signs, and onsite property zero waste evaluations from the City's Zero Waste Team. For further assistance, contact the Zero Waste Team at waste@gainesvillefl.gov or 352-334-2330.



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