The Gainesville Zero Waste News

The Road to Zero Waste: Unpacking Recycling Ordinances for Multi-Family Properties

On the road to Zero Waste, let's pull over at a rest stop to stretch our legs and briefly review two recycling ordinances for apartment and condo properties in the City of Gainesville.

1. Recycling Collection – By ordinance, all Multi-Family properties must establish a recycling program that includes recycling of Corrugated Cardboard, Paperboard, Newspaper & Magazines, Office Paper, Metal Cans, Glass Bottles & Jars, and Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars.



2. Indoor Recycle Storage Containers – By ordinance, all Multi-Family properties must provide at least one indoor recycle storage container per unit. The indoor bins or bags provide tenants with an easy way to separate and transport their recyclables, and these containers should be supplied to each unit by your landlord or property management team.



If you're residing at a property missing either (or both) 1 & 2 above here's what you can do:

- Ask your landlord or property management team about recycling services.
- Contact the City of Gainesville Solid Waste Division at waste@gainesvillefl.gov.

On our journey toward achieving Zero Waste, understanding and adhering to recycling ordinances for multi-family properties play a crucial role. By ensuring that recycling programs are established and accessible within our communities, we reduce our environmental footprint and preserve precious resources for future generations. Remember, every action counts, whether it's advocating for proper recycling infrastructure or simply participating in recycling programs at our residences.

For a more detailed breakdown of all our wonderful Zero Waste Ordinances, please visit gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste.