



RECYCLING AT APARTMENTS

Apartment dwellers are responsible for recycling the same materials as residents of single family homes, duplex and triplex dwellings. Landlords, owners and managers of multi-family dwellings must plan and implement a recycling collection system and education program for their tenants.

Landlord Responsibilities

1. Determine the number of people living in the complex and contact your municipal recycling coordinator for the list of items that are required for recycling collection. Most Montgomery County communities collect mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and bi-metal cans, cartons and plastic containers.
2. Contact your hauler to plan a collection system that suits your needs.
3. Design one of the appropriate container collection systems:
 - A bin for each apartment that is collected by the hauler or maintenance staff.
 - A series of collection stations in lobbies, hallways or other common areas.
 - Convenient central collection areas for one large container for all recyclables.
4. Educate the residents by using tenant newsletters, brochures, posters and well-labeled containers. Be sure to inform new tenants of your collection system before they move in.
5. Maintain your program. Landlords must continue to remind tenants of their responsibility. Landlords and tenants must work together to make sure the correct recyclables are clean and properly recycled.

Tenant Responsibilities

1. Understand the importance of recycling. Your efforts do make a difference.
2. Recycle the correct materials.
3. Prepare recyclables properly.
 - Containers and paper must be clean and dry
 - Place recyclables in proper container
4. Ask when you have questions. Talk to your building manager or contact your municipal recycling coordinator.

RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S JOB. THE MANAGEMENT MUST PROVIDE EASY-TO-USE CONTAINERS AND TENANTS MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.

Offer help to elderly or disabled neighbors.