

RECYCLING - IT'S OUR RIGHT and it's the law!

DID YOU KNOW THAT A 1992 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ORDINANCE REQUIRES ALL BUSINESSES AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS TO RECYCLE?

I - Multi-Family Residential Establishments (condos with more than 8 units)

Miami Dade County Recycling Ordinance No. 91-123 requires that all multi-family residential establishments with more than 8 units must recycle.

- Property owners or condo associations are required by County Ordinance to hire, by means of a contract, a private hauler for their regular trash pick-up, recycling and bulk pick-up.
- The City of Miami Beach provides recycling services to single-family homes and buildings of 8 or fewer units with pick up on Wednesdays.
- For condo recycling info in Miami-Dade County go to: http://www.miamidade.gov/dswm/apartments_condos.asp

II - Commercial Establishments

- Commercial recycling became mandatory countywide in July of 1992. The County Ordinance requires the following:
- Owners of commercial establishments in Miami-Dade County must provide a recycling program for their employees and tenants, using the services of an authorized waste hauler or private recycling hauler.
- The program must recycle three items from the following list of ten: high grade office paper, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum, steel, other scrap production metals, plastics, textiles, wood.
- For business recycling info in Miami-Dade County go to: http://www.miamidade.gov/dswm/business_recycling.asp

IMPLEMENTING RECYCLING IN YOUR HOME OR PLACE OF WORK!

If you do not have a recycling program in your home/condo or place of work, these are the step you should take:

1. Contact your property manager/owner or your employer and ask why recycling service is not being provided.
2. State that "recycling is very important", that you wish to recycle, and would appreciate it if management would provide recycling bins for paper, plastic, metal and glass. Management just needs to request the service from your waste hauler. A monthly fee will be charged for the service and costs divided amongst all property owners / tenants.
3. If management refuses to do so, which would be against the law, provide him/her with a copy of the 1992 Recycling Ordinance (copy the link below).

<http://www.ecomb.org/programas/RecyclingOrdinance.htm>

If your efforts do not work, send an email to and call: Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Division @ dswm@miamidade.gov or **305-594-1500**

(department responsible for enforcing the recycling ordinance). Explain your efforts and ask for their intervention.

Miami-Dade Solid Waste Enforcement Dept. @ **305.514.6700** or **311** and file a complaint – **IMPORTANT**.

The ordinance will only be enforced if a complaint is filled with the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Department.

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