

Miami-Dade County

Multi-Family and Commercial Recycling Memorandum Of  
Understanding

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**Sec. 15-2.2. Recycling programs required for multi-family residential establishments.**

(a) No later than nine (9) months from the effective date of Ordinance Number 91-123, every multi-family residential establishment shall provide for a recycling program which shall be serviced by a permitted hauler or the appropriate governmental agency and shall include, at a minimum, the five (5) materials listed in Section 15-2.2 below.

Recyclable Materials: Multi-family

- (1) Newspaper
- (2) Glass (flint, emerald, amber)
- (3) Aluminum cans
- (4) Steel cans
- (5) Plastics (PETE, NDPE-natural, HDPE colored)

(b) The failure of a multi-family residential establishment to provide a recycling program or a modified recycling program pursuant to Section 15-2.4 hereof shall constitute a violation of this section for which the property owner(s) shall be liable, provided, however, that in the case of a condominium or cooperative apartment having a condominium association or cooperative apartment association, said association, rather than individual unit owners, shall be liable for any such violation.

(Ord. No. 91-123, § 4, 10-15-91)

**Sec. 15-2.3. Recycling programs required for commercial establishments; joint and several liability.**

(a) No later than nine (9) months from the effective date of Ordinance Number 91-123, every commercial establishment shall provide for a recycling program which shall be serviced by a permitted hauler or the appropriate governmental agency and shall include a minimum of three (3) materials of its choice selected from the list provided in Section 15-2.3 below.

Recyclable Materials: Commercial Establishments

- (1) High grade office paper
- (2) Mixed paper
- (3) Corrugated cardboard
- (4) Glass (flint, emerald, amber)
- (5) Aluminum (cans, scrap)
- (6) Steel (cans, scrap)

- (7) Other metals/scrap production materials
- (8) Plastics (PETE, HDPE-natural, HDPE-colored)
- (9) Textiles
- (10) Wood

(b) The failure of a commercial establishment to provide a recycling program or a modified recycling program pursuant to Section 15-2.4 hereof shall constitute a violation of this section for which the property owner and the owner(s) and operator(s) of the commercial establishment shall be jointly and severally liable.

(Ord. No. 91-123, § 5, 10-15-91)

#### **Sec. 15-2.4. Modified recycling programs allowed.**

(a) Recycling programs which incorporate modifications, substitutions or reductions to the requirements of Sections 15-2.2 and 15-2.3 may be submitted to the Department for approval. Approval, rejection, or approval with conditions of the proposed modified recycling program shall be determined by the Department. The Department shall consider the following factors in evaluating the proposed modified recycling program:

- (1) Whether the establishment operates a recycling program, and is self-hauling the materials to a recyclable material vendor.
- (2) Whether the establishment generates a lesser number of recyclable materials than the required minimum.
- (3) Whether the establishment generates and recycles materials not listed in Section 15-2.2 or Section 15-2.3 hereof, as applicable.
- (4) Whether the establishment is contracting with a permitted private hauler for collection services, which services provide for a post-collection separation of recyclable material, and which:
  - (i) Generate recyclable materials which comply, in kind and quantity, with the recycling requirements provided for in Section 15-2.2 or Section 15-2.3 hereof, as applicable; and
  - (ii) Utilize a materials separation facility which is permitted in accordance with all applicable federal, State and local laws.

(b) Any person seeking approval of a modified recycling program shall submit an application in such form as is prescribed by the Department. All modified recycling programs shall be reviewed on a semiannual basis and applicants shall be required to confirm or revise the information contained in their applications at that time.

An application for approval of a modified recycling program shall include, but not be limited to, the following documentation, as appropriate to the specific application:



- (1) Supporting documentation to evidence self-haul activities, which shall include proof of source-separation activities and copies of receipts from recyclable material purchasers.
- (2) A waste composition study of the waste generated by the applicant, which shall cover a representative time period of no shorter than one (1) week.
- (3) A copy of the applicable contract with a post-collection separation facility, specifying materials and volumes recycled which are attributable to the applicant.

(Ord. No. 91-123, § 6, 10-15-91)

**Sec. 15-2.5. Applicability.**

The provisions of Sections 15-2.2, 15-2.3 and 15-2.4 shall apply to the incorporated and unincorporated areas, and shall be enforced by Miami-Dade County unless the County and the city agree, in writing, that the city shall enforce this ordinance within the municipality or that the city is operating a recycling program that meets the minimum standards. Any municipality may establish and enforce its own ordinance provided such ordinance is equivalent to or more stringent than the provisions of this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 91-123, § 7, 10-15-91)