



MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Recycling appears to be better able to pay for itself in complexes with 175 units or more

- 80% or more of the recyclable material thrown out is paper and paper products
- Recycling mixed paper is more economical than recycling multiple materials

WHAT WORKS

- The support of the complex's management and custodial staff is critical
- Residents are more likely to participate if recycling containers are located close to garbage containers
- Appropriate signage for recycling containers is important
- The provision of educational fliers for residents is essential
- Contamination can be reduced by using locked recycling containers with slots for mixed paper and corrugated cardboard
- Continual reinforcement is needed for the recycling program through newsletters, contests, fliers, bulletins, promotions

