

Multifamily Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Rating Scale

The following rubric provides an average score to illustrate how successful a multifamily community is at waste reduction and recycling. The higher the score, the better a community is doing. The rubric is created based on experience and observations in areas that tend to indicate successful multifamily garbage and recycling programs. These scores are intended to indicate opportunities for improvement to property managers and owners, keeping in mind that we are here to help communities make adjustments.

Scoring: Great = 4; Adequate = 2; Sub-standard = 0

Each category receives a point value based on the grading scale above and is marked under "Score." The final score is an average of the sum of the individual categories' scores (A+ = 4.0+ A = 3.6-3.99; B = 3.2-3.59; C = 2.8-3.9; D = 2.4-2.79; F = 0-2.39).

	Great (4)	Adequate (2)	Sub-Standard (0)	Score (0, 2, 4)
All Recycling Streams Available	Garbage, Recycling, and Glass are all available onsite and have <u>sufficient capacity</u> (not overflowing)	Garbage, Recycling, and Glass are offered, but not <u>sufficient capacity</u> (regular overflow)	Missing either mixed recycling, glass recycling, or both	
Bulky Waste	Bulky waste not visible on site; PM and residents work together to donate usable items and dispose of others in a timely manner	Bulky waste is occasionally visible and only rarely obstructs access to trash/recycling	Regularly blocks access to recycling; creates safety concerns; collector cannot access bins to service	
Cleanliness of Streams (Contamination/Opportunity)	Extremely low contamination (garbage) in recycling and opportunity (recyclables) in garbage	Contamination is not uncommon, but also not severe (no film/bagged recyclables, food, etc.); very little opportunity is found in the garbage	High levels of contamination; contamination is frequent; recycling and glass regularly dumped as garbage; many recyclables found in the garbage	
Convenience of Garbage/ Recycling	Recycling and trash are in close proximity to all units and equally accessible (both/none locked); includes valet services	Trash is close to all units with only single recycling area; only a single location for co-located trash/recycling for large community	Trash and recycling are not co-located creating areas where recycling is more convenient than trash	
Designated Garbage & Recycling Areas (clean, safe, etc.)	Provides sufficient, clean, well-lit space to safely access all bins for garbage, as well as recycling and glass	Bins are generally accessible with only occasional obstacles (e.g. lacks lighting, overflow, bulky waste, etc.)	Bins in open-air, unmarked area, often littered with overflow and bulky waste, blocking access; unsafe and unkempt	

	Great (4)	Adequate (2)	Sub-Standard (0)	Score (0, 2, 4)
PM/Owner Engagement & Resident Education	Owner/PM is very engaged and provides recycling education to residents, offers resources; encourages proper recycling; provides reminders; helps residents with disposal questions	Provides recycling education at move-in and annually	Does not regularly provide recycling education; non-compliant with Oregon's Opportunity to Recycle Act; attempts to contact PM/owner have been unsuccessful	
Signage	Enclosure areas are well-labeled with image-based signs in at least English/Spanish; bins are well-labeled as above	Some bins/areas are well-labeled, but not all	No signage exists or may be improperly labeled	
INITIAL SCORE: (sum of 7 scores)				

Extra Credit: The following categories go above and beyond the basics and reflect positively on a community's waste reduction and recycling efforts. Failure to do these does not negatively impact the community's overall rating/grade.

	2	1	0	Score (0, 1, 2)
Collection of Other Materials (film, batteries, etc.)	Extensive collection of 3+ non-curb-side recyclables: film, batteries, bulbs, e-cycles, etc.	Film (or other) collection set-up on-site and returned to participating retailers/depots	No on-site collection; no resources for residents	
Reuse	Property has 3+ reuse options (ongoing or one-time/annual events); provides reuse resources; encourages reuse	Property has a reuse option (ongoing or one-time/annual events); provides reuse resources; encourages reuse	No reuse efforts or promotion are known to exist	
EXTRA CREDIT SCORE: (sum of 2 scores)				

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INITIAL SCORE EXTRA CREDIT FINAL SCORE

LETTER GRADE (per key)

Grading Key: A+ = 4.0+ A = 3.6-3.99; B = 3.2-3.59; C = 2.8-3.19; D = 2.4-2.79; F = 0-2.39; **Auto-F if 0 to All Streams**