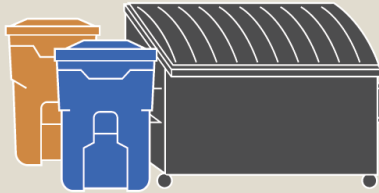


# Improving Garbage and Recycling Service at Multifamily Communities throughout Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

## Garbage and Recycling Changes for Apartments and Condos



**Improved Service**  
Bins won't get overloaded



**New Bins**  
Color-coded



**Stickers and Signs**  
Easier to understand

Outlined in the [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#), these changes will help address some of the issues multifamily communities face regarding garbage and recycling while also providing better, safer, and easier garbage and recycling services. These changes center the voices, values, and needs of communities of color and historically marginalized groups in our region's solid waste and recycling system.

**Regional Signage** – Shared multifamily bins will be labeled with the regional signage. Signage is image-based with key words in five languages. All communities should have updated bin stickers; some communities also have updated signage!



**Color Standards** – By July 1, 2028, shared multifamily garbage and recycling bins will be consistently colored (excludes compactors and drop boxes).

**Garbage – black or grey**

**Recycling – blue**

**Glass – orange**

**Yard Debris / Food – green** (for those who have the service)

**Bulky Waste Collection** – Multifamily communities will have “regularly-occurring bulky waste collection.” Recent studies are being reviewed to inform future service.

**Minimum Service (frequency & volume)** – New minimums require at least weekly collection of all bins and provide a guideline for determining collection volumes. Multifamily property managers/owners need to provide adequate service (no overflow, lids close, etc.); minimums may not be adequate for all communities. In fact, most communities will probably need service somewhere between the minimum and recommended service levels.

	<b>Minimum</b> (per unit/week)	<b>Recommended</b> (per unit/week)
Garbage	20 gal.	40 gal.
Recycling	20 gal.	40 gal.
Glass	1 gal.	3 gal.

**Enclosure Design** – It is important that garbage and recycling areas provide safe, adequate space and access to bins for residents, staff, and the garbage & recycling company. Local governments continue to improve their processes to provide guidance in Zoning and Development Ordinances and through staff support.