

Recycling for Beginners: Apartment blocks

Get management on board



The recycling program's success depends on management's support. Identify the current waste management challenges and align your recycling program with the estate's sustainability goals.

Assign a leader



Nominate a trustworthy individual to plan, coordinate and implement the recycling program.

Survey your communal refuse area



Survey your apartment's communal refuse area over time, record what is going into the waste bins, assess what's recyclable, get an idea of the volumes and then decide which recyclables to collect.

Collect recyclable material



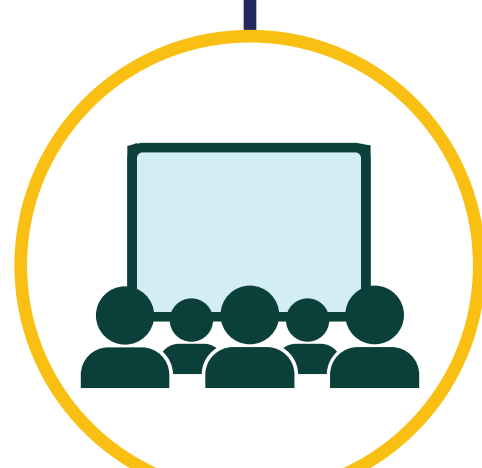
Identify recyclable materials like PET plastic bottles and jars, Tetra Pak® cartons, cardboard, cans, newspaper, office paper, and glass. Chat with your collection company or visit the National Recycling Forum's website for more information.

Spread the word



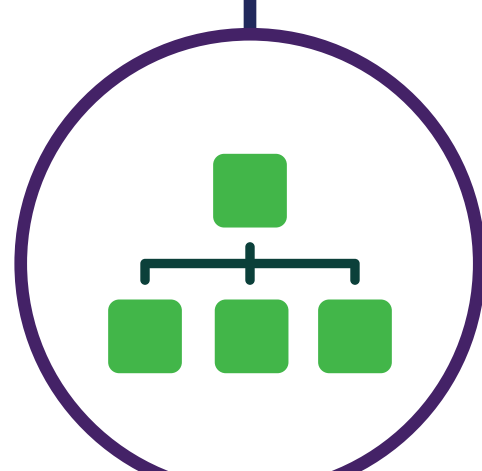
Connect with your neighbours to assess their interest in participation or financial contributions to the program. Then, conduct research, gather quotes and an idea of material demand from local collection partners, and present estimated monthly contributions to your participating neighbours.

Pitch your proposal



Present your recycling program at the body corporate meeting. Showcase tenant/community support with a petition and quotes from collection companies. If no body corporate exists, propose to the landlord, emphasising community backing.

Manage the logistics



Once given the go-ahead, ensure safe storage for all recyclables, adhere to health and safety standards for refuse areas, and optimise collection practices.

Dispose of recyclables



Decide on an effective system and explore the collection options. Municipal drop-off, kerbside collection, or private collection and recycling services are all viable options.

If your community and management aren't keen on a recycling program, take matters into your own hands. **Consider creating a personal recycling station right in your home. Here's how:**



Get your gear:
Purchase two different bins or bags. Try clear for recyclables and black for waste.



Simple separation:
Separate recyclables from waste.



Personal recycling station:
Transform a section of your home into a recycling station.



Lead the way:
Every small step counts. Be a recycling advocate, even on an individual level.