

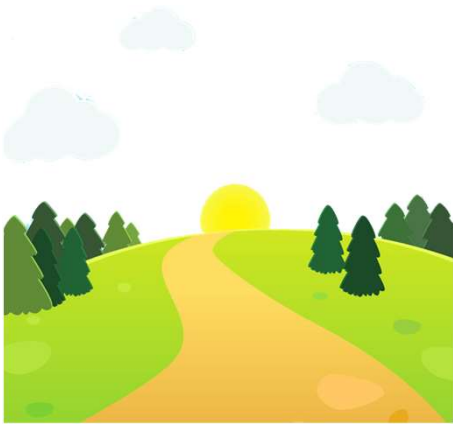
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**Gainesville**

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**Zero Waste Subcommittee**  
**Solid Waste Ordinance Updates**  
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# The Road To Zero Waste (so far)



## Zero Waste Goal (2018)

- Established 90% Diversion by 2040

## Zero Waste Plan

- 2019 City Approved Joint Plan with County
- 2021 Plan to Commission Soon

## Zero Waste Subcommittee

- Started Meeting in September 2020
- Sixteen Meetings to Discuss Many Issues Related to Zero Waste

# Solid Waste Ordinance Updates

**Note: Changes are  
Draft and Subject to  
City Attorney Input**

## Updated Areas

- Multifamily
- Commercial
- Food Waste/Organics
- Operations/Litter Control
- Special Events
- Universal Zero Waste Policies

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## Multifamily Residential Service

- Sets a minimum garbage service level of **twice per week** collections for multifamily residential serviced w/o compactors
- Multifamily residential recycling ordinance updates
  - **Food waste** diversion program by 2024
  - Recycling is **as convenient & accessible** as garbage/trash
  - **Adequate level** of recycling service
  - Posting of **recycling signage** in common areas
  - Distribution of **recycling information** to tenants
  - **Indoor containers** for recycling and food waste per unit for tenants

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## Commercial Service

- Sets standard colors for different types of service: garbage, recycling bottles & cans, recycling paper & cardboard, and food waste
- Requires the minimum standards for the **labeling recycling and organic material containers**
- Addition of “**cumulative**” to 15% total by volume under definition of “de minimus” amounts
- Addition of **Sunday** as commercial collection option
- Requires **four day per week** collection of **restaurants, bars, and grocery stores** without compacting dumpsters

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## Food Waste / Organics

- Establishes **food waste diversion hierarchy** for commercial generators
- Commercial generator to divert food waste
  - All restaurants, food processors, and grocery stores shall be assumed to be required to meet this requirement; and/or
  - **More than one cubic yard** of food waste per week
- By 2024, all commercial serviced customers must compost
- By 2024, all residentially serviced customers (single-family & multifamily) must compost

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## Operations/Litter Control

- Requires property owners **must provide accommodations for garbage, recycling and food waste collection containers**
- Allows for **dumpster sharing** with adjacent generators
- Requires commercial container **covers to be closed when not in use** and **properly sized**

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## Special Events

- Event recycling for events requiring a permit from the City of Gainesville (Sec. 27-85.c)
  - **Equal number** of receptacles of garbage, recycling & food waste
  - Receptacles **placed next to each other**
  - **Minimum recyclables collected** (bottles, cans, cardboard)
  - **Food waste** collection required when appropriate
  - **Clearly identified** receptacles
  - Use **compostable bags** in food waste receptacles



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## Universal Zero Waste Policies

- Updated Name **Universal Zero Waste**
- Single-Use Plastic Food Accessories **available upon request**
- Prohibition on **use of expanded polystyrene containers on city property** or city right-of-way
- Prohibition on intentional release outdoors of **plastic confetti, glitter and balloons**
- Requirement for the **recycling of prescription medicines, single-use plastic bags and expanded polystyrene containers**
- Requirement for **public recycling and composting containers** at businesses

**Thank You.**