

City of
Gainesville

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Solid Waste Ordinance Updates
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ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances by revising definitions; adding requirements for commercial generators of solid waste; commercially-collected residential property; and recovered material requirements; requiring commercial-certified properties of a certain size to have a leak-tightening plan; requiring retail generators drug distributors to provide take-back programs for prescription drugs; requiring commercial establishments to have additional recycling containers; requiring property owners to provide commercial tenants with adequate space for solid waste and recycling; creating a new division responsible for single-use plastic and polystyrene products; providing for civil citations; providing citations to the ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing a recital; classifying; and providing an effective date and an enforcement date.

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 180679, which prohibited single-use plastic straws and single-use plastic stirrers; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, the City Commission approved creation of a Commission Subcommittee A, among other things, develop a draft zero waste ~~ordinance~~ and

WHEREAS, at numerous meetings, the Subcommittee directed staff to work on preparing ordinances that addressed a variety of issues related to solid waste, recycling, and food waste; and

WHEREAS, new regulations regarding food waste will be addressed in separate ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance will protect the public health, safety and welfare of City residents, visitors and future generations and will protect the environment by reducing solid waste and;

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CODE: Words in italics are deleted words. underlined are additions.

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I. Multi-Family (Commercially-Collected Residential Service) Updates

A. Commercial-collected residential definition updated to developments:

- With at least one building with **five or more dwelling units**;
- With a building with two to four dwelling units which has been **allowed by the city to opt-out of curbside residential service**; or
- With **shared common infrastructure** (such as a shared parking lot), ownership, property management, or home owner association but have four or less units per building when the city manager or designee has determined it is in the best interest of the city for operational or aesthetic reasons to provide commercially-collected residential service to the developments.

(Sec. 27-72)

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B. Minimum level of garbage collection service to no less than **twice per week**, except for properties using compactors for garbage collection (Sec. 27-75.b)

C. Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Updates (Sec. 27-85.i)

- Recycling is **as convenient & accessible as garbage collection**
- **Adequate level & capacity of recycling service** based on the number of residents, units, or generation at the property
- **Posting of recycling signage** in common areas
- **Distribution of recycling information to tenants** annually and on move in
- **Provide indoor recycling storage containers to units by Oct. 1, 2023**
- **Property lease transition plan** (“Reuse Plan”) for usable and functioning household goods, furnishings, and electronics, and recyclable cardboard for **≥200 units by Jan. 1, 2023, and ≥50 units by Jan. 1, 2025.**



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II. Commercially Collected Service Updates

- A. Set a minimum **garbage** service collection level of **no more than two consecutive working days** for the following commercial establishments, not serviced by a compactor:
- 1) any establishment licensed to sell alcohol, beer, or wine for consumption on premises;
 - 2) grocery stores selling fresh produce, raw meat, and packaged food primarily for consumption off premises; and
 - 3) public food service establishments where food is prepared and intended for individual portion service, regardless of whether food is consumed on or off premises.

(Sec. 27-75.b)

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- B. **Sunday collection service now an option** (Sec. 27-79.e.1)
- C. **Mandatory Recycling Ordinance Updates** (Sec. 27-85.e)
 - **Equal number of recycling receptacles as garbage and paired next to garbage receptacles**
- D. **Commercial service containers shall follow the City's approved color and educational labeling format** (27-75.d)
- E. **Containers for public use:** Garbage and recycling containers available for public, customer, or employee use at commercial establishments must integrate labeling consisting of text and images on the body or adjacent to the opening of the container that is consistent with City provided samples provided by the solid waste division (Sec. 27-75.e)



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F. Public recycling receptacles (Sec. 27-85.e.2)

Any commercial establishment providing receptacles for collecting and disposing of garbage to the public shall provide an **equal number of collection receptacles for designated recyclable materials paired next to the garbage receptacle**. If the commercial establishment is unable to meet the above requirement, the commercial establishment shall work with the city to develop an acceptable alternative plan for the placement of collection receptacles for designated recyclable materials on the premises.



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G. Prescription drug take back program (Sec. 27-85.h)

Requirement for a take back program for prescription drugs. **All commercial generators distributing or providing prescription medicines or drugs at a retail level shall provide on-site publicly accessible containers for the destruction of prescription medicines or drugs.** Such containers shall be located within 20 feet of the location where prescription drugs are dispensed. If the commercial generator is unable to meet the above location requirement, the commercial generator shall work with the city to develop an acceptable alternative plan for the placement of containers on the premises.

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III. Single-Use Plastic & Polystyrene Products

- A. Single-Use Plastic Food Accessories **available upon request** (Sec. 27-91)
- B. Prohibition on use of expanded **polystyrene containers on city property** or city right-of-way (Sec. 27-92)
- C. Prohibition on intentional release outdoors of **plastic confetti, glitter and balloons** (Sec. 27-93)



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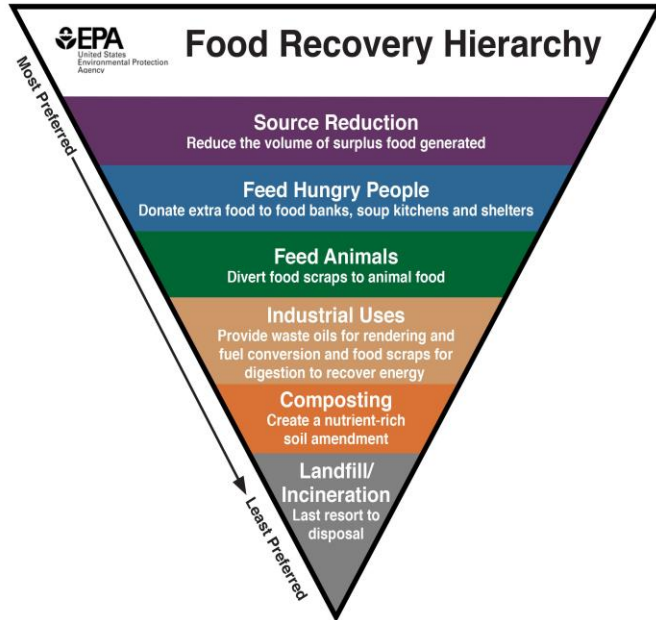


V. Food Waste Composting (Division 6)

- A. Registration of food waste collectors
(Sec. 27-95)
- B. Mandatory commercial food waste collection established. **>1 cu. yd. by June 1, 2023**
(Sec. 27-95.2)
- C. Residential and Multifamily food waste collection. **Full Phase in by 1/1/2025**
(Sec. 27-95.3)



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IV. Food Diversion (Division 7)

A. Mandatory commercial food waste diversion established (Sec. 27-95.5)

Commercial generators which are required to divert food or food waste under this subsection shall **divert food or food waste in accordance with the following hierarchy:**

- (1) feeding hungry people;
- (2) feeding animals;
- (3) providing for industrial uses; and
- (4) composting.

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IV. Food Diversion (Division 7)

Focus on Feeding the Hungry

- Grocery Stores **by June 1, 2023**
- Restaurants **by June 1, 2024**
- Caterers **by June 1, 2024**
- Food Distributors and Manufacturers **by June 1, 2024**



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Affected Sectors:
 Commercial
 Multifamily
 Single Family

V. Zero Waste Ordinance Timeline

Date	Requirement
Upon Passage	Prescription Take Back
"	Multifamily (MF) Recycling Signage, Education, and Convenience
"	Single Use Plastic by Request
"	No Styrofoam on City Property
"	No Release of Plastic Confetti, Glitter, or Balloons
"	Labels for Public & Employee Receptacles Consistent
Oct. 1, 2023	Commercial Recycling-Color Coded Containers and Labels
Oct. 1, 2023	Multifamily to Provide Indoor Recycling Container
Jan. 1, 2023	Reuse Plan for 200 Unit MF Complexes
Mar. 1, 2023	Compost - Begin Phase In SF & MF Residential Service
Jun. 1, 2023	Food Diversion - Food Retailers 25K sq. ft. Wasted Food Diversion
Jun. 1, 2023	Compost - Commercial Establishments Greater than 1 Cubic Yard
Jun. 1, 2024	Food Diversion - Restaurants 4.5K sq. ft., Kitchens 1K sq. ft., Food Distributers & Manufacturers
Jun. 1, 2024	Compost - MF Establish Food Waste Program, Distributes Information, Provide Indoor Container
Jan. 1, 2025	Reuse Plan at 50 Unit MF Complexes
Jan. 1, 2025	Compost - All SF & MF Residential Implemented
Jun. 1, 2026	Compost - All Commercial

Thank You.