



Commercial Recycling and Organics: Multi-family and Ord 13

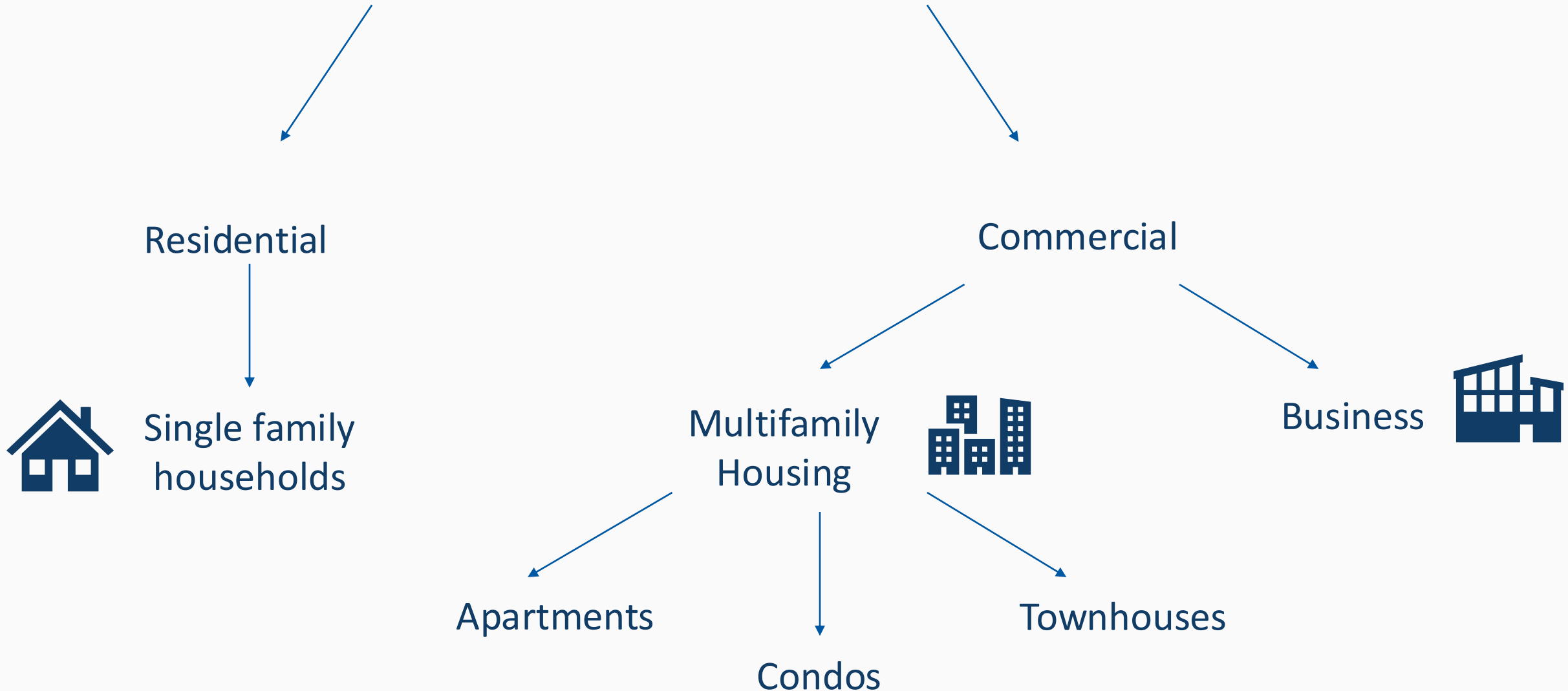
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Waste Reduction and Recycling

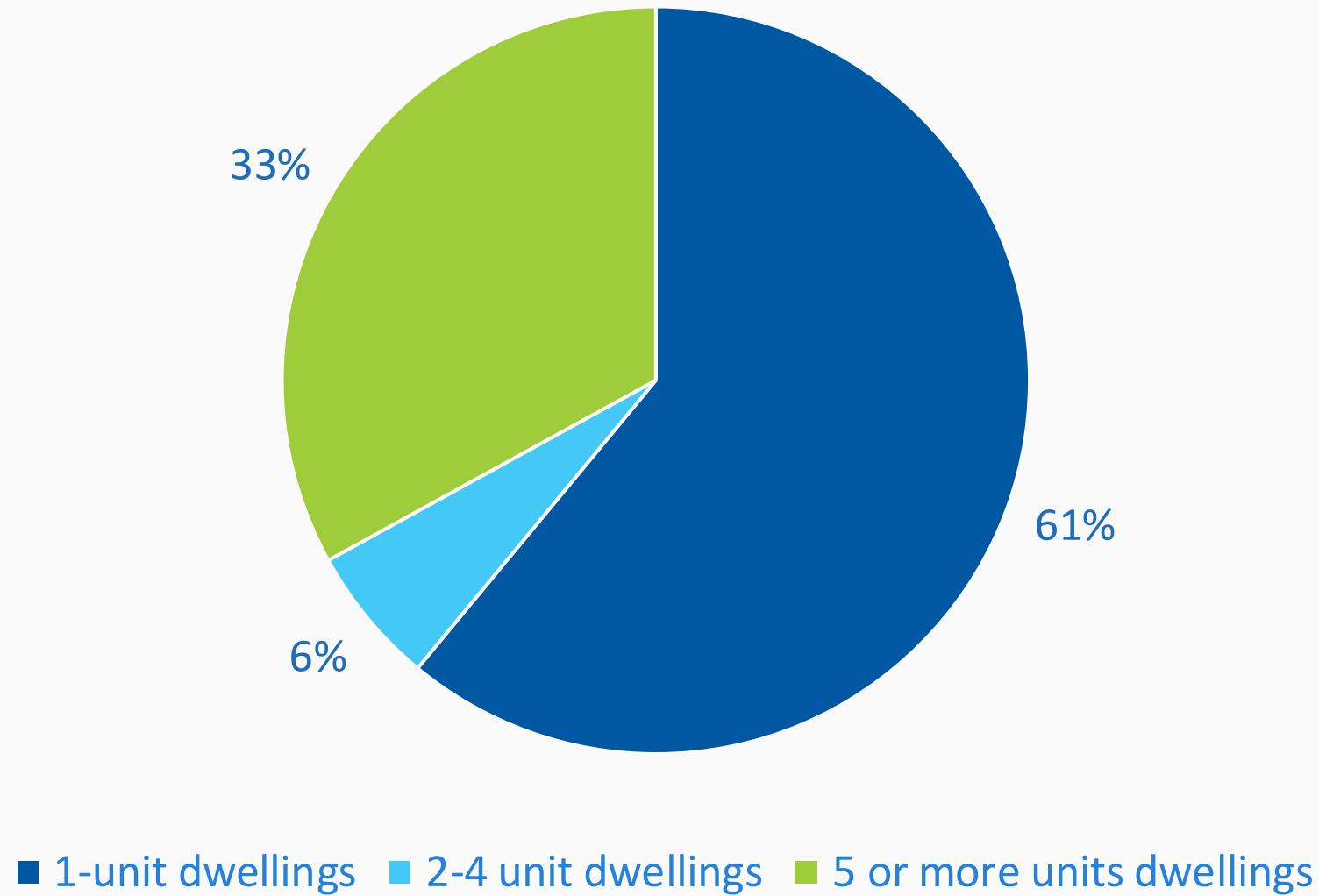


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Hennepin County Housing Characteristics



Challenges

- Limited space inside and outside
- Tenant & property manager turnover
- Communication and language barriers
- Increased waste at move-in & move-out
- Organics recycling



Best Management Practices: Recycling Set-up

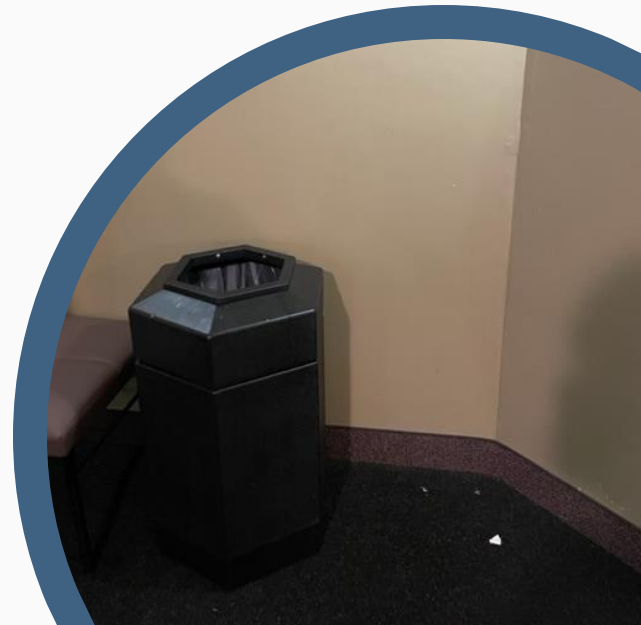
- Co-locate (pair)
- Convenience
- Capacity
- Color code
- Communicate





What we usually see

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But some properties... doing great!



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It's your turn: evaluate 5 scenarios

- Real multi-family building examples!
 - What's the problem?
 - What would you do to improve it?
- Use best management practices!



Scenario 1: Common Areas



Scenario 2: Mail room



Scenario 3: recycling and trash chute



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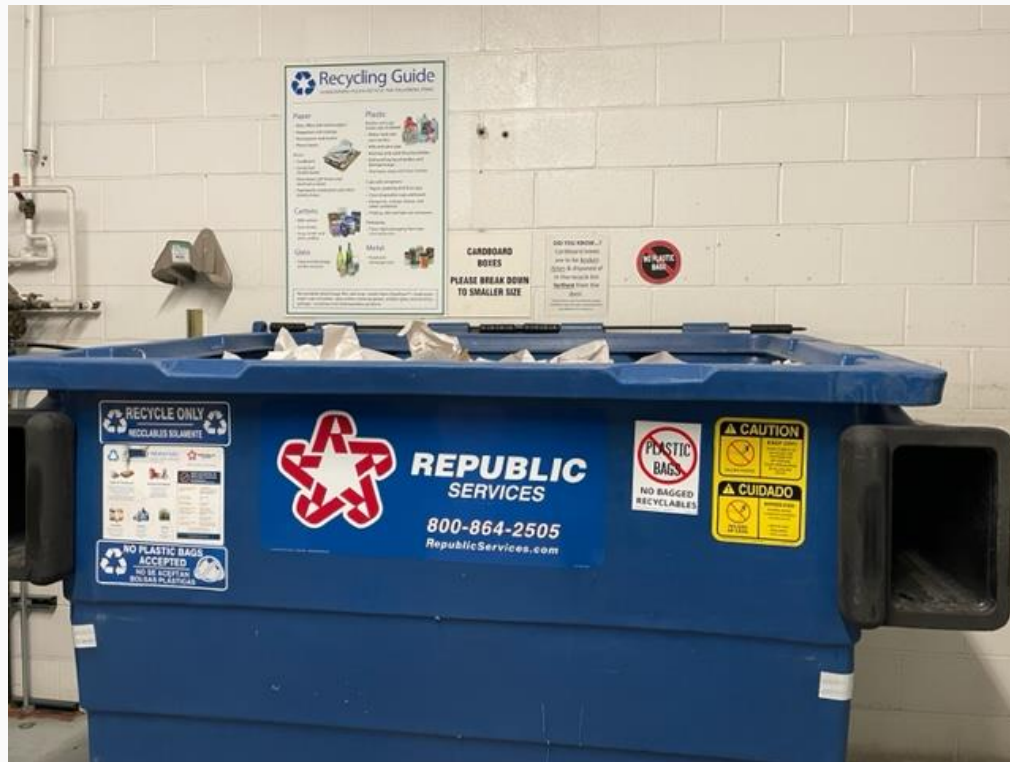
Scenario 4: trash chute only



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Scenario 4: recycling in the garage



Scenario 5: Outdoor waste collection



Bulky/hard to dispose of items



Curbside mattress recycling



Curbside pickup service is available to all Hennepin County residents as well as condo and apartment building managers.



Donation opportunities



Donating usable items to charitable organizations is a great way to help your community. You'll also save money and keep items out of the landfill. Find donation opportunities in Hennepin County.



Multi-family Grant Program

- Bins and compostable bags
- New hauling service for recycling and organics
- Construction of waste enclosures/chutes
- Education and training for adding a new service (recycling or organics)



Going above and beyond

- Applewood Pointe of Eden Prairie
 - 99 units, condo cooperative
 - Start organics
- Edition Apartments
 - 193 units, apartment renters
 - Start organics



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Multifamily recycling: Apartments and condos

Multifamily means an apartment building, a condominium, a cooperative housing unit, or any other property where a property manager or association coordinates waste collection service for residents of the housing. Multifamily properties generally have 5 or more units, but this varies by city.

Recycling is an easy and convenient way to reduce waste and protect the environment. Property owners and associations are required to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle and ensure they have the information to recycle right. Recycling service should be equal in capacity to trash service to capture all of the recyclable material generated by residents. We recommend recycling containers to have a capacity equivalent to at least 0.1 cubic yard per week for each residential unit.

Apartment recycling program
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Order free recycling resources

Free resources are available to Hennepin County residents to improve recycling in apartments, condos, and townhome associations. [See what's available and order free resources.](#)

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- + Recycling requirements
- + Grants, resources and assistance
- + Apply to be an Apartment Recycling Champion
- + Improving recycling and preventing waste
- + Organics recycling
- + Mattresses, electronics, hazardous waste, and other items
- + Recycling guide in multiple languages

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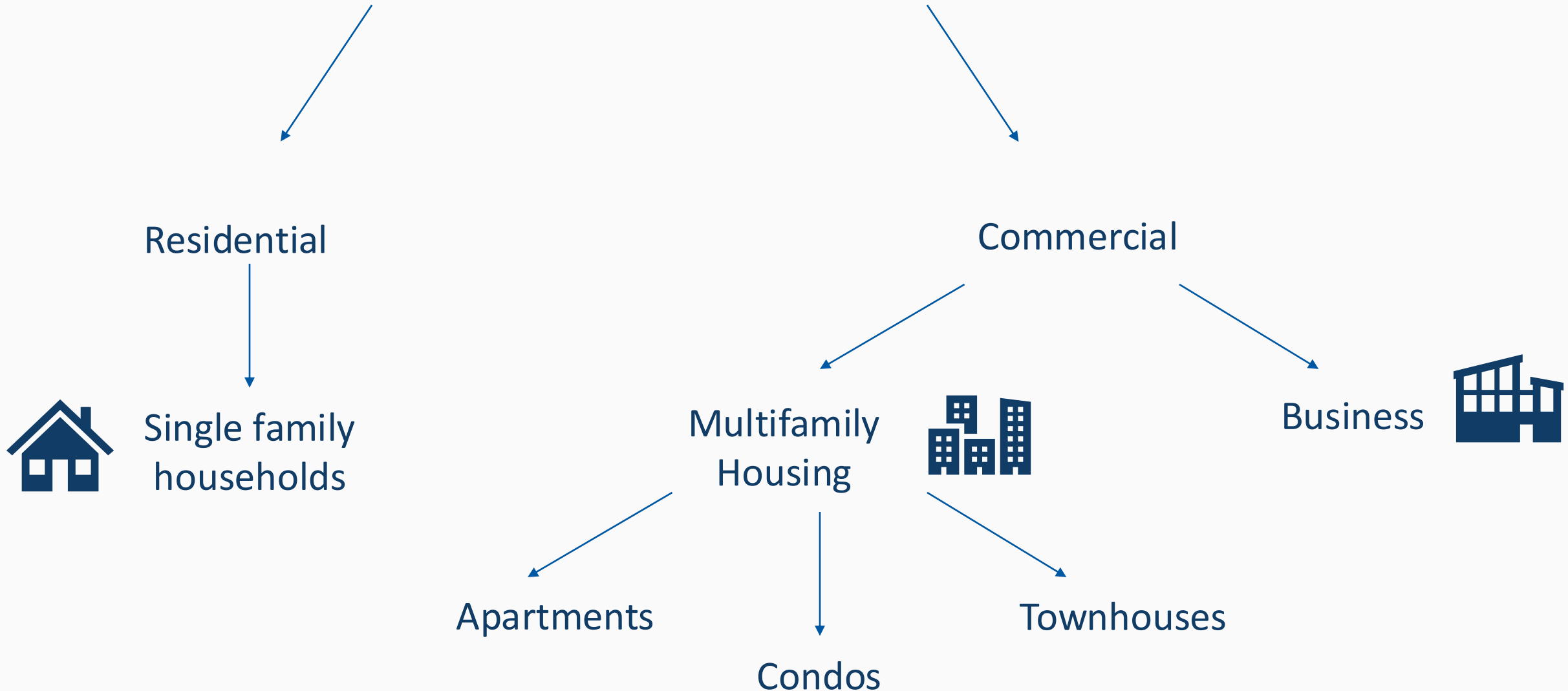
Ordinance 13

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Ordinance 13 Information

- What is Ordinance 13?
 - An ordinance that:
 - Only applies to Hennepin County.
 - Builds upon a state rule: certain businesses must recycle ≥ 3 materials (Metro counties only).
 - Requires certain businesses to divert food waste.
 - Requires many businesses to enhance their recycling/organics programs
 - And More!

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Ordinance 13: Multifamily Housing

Ordinance 13-

effective Jan 1, 2020

- Annual, comprehensive education (Communicate)
- Accessible bins and containers (Convenience)
- Clear and consistent labels (Color Code, Communicate)
- Adequate service levels (Capacity)



Ordinance 13: Business



Intro to the commercial business sector:

- Approximately 45,000 businesses in Hennepin County
- Businesses are responsible for half of the waste in the County
 - 3/4 of this is recyclable or compostable
- Home to several headquarters (Target, General Mills, Best Buy, Dairy Queen, more)

Ordinance 13 - effective Jan 1, 2020

- Recyclables collection requirement
 - Incorporates state law and adds labeling and service requirements
- Organic material collection requirement
 - Requires certain businesses to implement a collection program to divert food and food scraps back of house

What businesses are required to divert food waste from Trash?

1. If a business generates 8 cubic yards or 1 ton of trash per week

AND

2. The business falls into one of the following sectors:

- Restaurants
- Grocery Stores
- Food Wholesalers
Distributors, Manufacturers
- Hotels
- Hospitals
- Sports Venues
- Caterers
- Golf Clubs and Country Clubs
- Nursing and Residential Care
Facilities
- Office Buildings with Dining Services
- Farmers Markets
- Food Shelves and Food Banks
- Colleges, Universities with Dining
Services
- Shopping Centers
- Airports
- Rental Kitchens/Shared Kitchens

How to determine trash generation:

- Look for sticker indicating dumpster size
- Contact waste hauler or look at a copy of latest bill



How do businesses comply with the requirement?

1. Have food waste recycling service in place
2. Provide food waste collection bins in back-of-house and properly label them
3. Separate food waste from trash in back-of-house operations
4. Provide education and train employees annually
5. Must Self-Audit and Self-Report as necessary.



Typical business challenges

- Outdated recycling programs
- Insufficient # bins
- Improper/No labeling
- Haulers want NO plastic bags – Fines/Fees
- Confusion about packaging
- Impacts of COVID-19 – stopped service
- Staff shortages/turnover
- Space/Location of Dumpsters



Disincentivizing trash – All Commercial

- 38.5% tax on trash
 - 21.5% to Hennepin
 - 17% to the state
- The cost to dispose of a ton of trash is more than a ton of recycling or organics
- Applies to Commercial Sector









How can you help?

- Recognize that as a customer, you hold purchasing power.
- Offer guidance if you work in a regulated business.
- Look for ways to reduce or eliminate waste at work.
- Be patient, recognize that this is a big change for some businesses and regulation takes time.



Signs and stickers

Recycling at work

Paper

- Paper (all kinds, all colors)
- Mail and envelopes
- Magazines and catalogs
- Packing paper
- File folders
- Paper tablet backings
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Soft cover books
- Appliances and electronics boxes
- Toy and cookie boxes



Plastic

- Bottles and jugs**
- Lids and caps on
- Cups and containers (please empty):**
- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Iced coffee/tea cups
- Baked goods, deli and take-out containers



Packaging:

- Clear, rigid packaging from electronics, supplies, etc.

Cardboard boxes.



Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



Metal

- Food and



Trainings



Business Recycling Grant Program

- Bin and compostable bag grants
- Waste prevention grants



Grantee Success: Nikkolette's Macarons

- The facility received a HC waste reduction grant in 2024, which was used to purchase reusable storage containers.
- 38,400 paper boxes/year eliminated!



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Business recycling

The commercial sector generates more than half of the total waste in Hennepin County, and nearly two-thirds of the waste created at businesses and non-profits is recyclable. A strong recycling program conserves natural resources, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, can help your bottom line and demonstrates your organization's commitment to sustainability and the community.

Hennepin County offers grants, signage, and technical assistance to help businesses reduce waste and improve recycling. Information on how to comply with Ordinance 13 is posted below.

The following information refers to non-hazardous waste. For information on managing hazardous items from businesses, like electronics, fluorescent bulbs and other chemicals, [visit the county's page on managing and disposing of hazardous waste](#).

[Request assistance for business recycling](#)

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+ Recycling requirements for businesses

+ Assistance, signs, and grants

+ Best practices and training resources

+ Prevent waste

+ Organics recycling and wasted food

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Organics recycling for businesses and organizations

Implementing organics recycling programs allows businesses, organizations and schools to expand their recycling programs, ease their burden on the environment, reduce taxes waste disposal, and show customers that they care about the community.

Businesses, organizations and schools have three main options for recycling organic waste:

- Organics recycling for composting: food waste, unlined paper and certified compostable foodservice ware is recycled into compost, a valuable soil amendment
- Food to people: edible food is donated to organizations that help people in need
- Food to animals: food scraps are processed into feed for livestock

Plan your new program with our [guide on how to start organics recycling at work \(DOCX\)](#).

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+ Impact of COVID-19 on compost sites and the need to compost the right things

+ Food waste recycling requirements for businesses

+ Food to people

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