

Dear Property Manager,

Like you, the District Government cares about our city's environmental health and the impact waste can have on our communities, green spaces, air, and waterways. That's why we've partnered on a series of new zero waste initiatives aimed at helping the District reach its goal of 80% waste diversion.

For the first time, the District has one master list for materials that can be recycled. **Effective January 1, 2018, businesses and residents must recycle according to the Mayor's List of Recyclables and Compostables.** The new Mayor's List of Recyclables and Compostables simplifies recycling by unifying requirements for residential and commercial properties. The list of recyclable items in DC has also expanded to reflect the current recycling market and to also help the District become a cleaner, greener city. Review the **District Recycling Guidelines** flyer in this packet for more information on what can and cannot be recycled.

Effective January 1, 2018, covered electronic equipment such as computers, printers, televisions, and tablets must be properly recycled or reused. Recycling electronics will help conserve valuable natural resources and protect human health and the environment. To inform your tenants of the disposal ban, please distribute the **eCYCLE DC** flyer in this packet to tenants of your building. Additionally, property managers shall ensure covered electronics that are left in common areas are properly recycled.

Together, these new recycling requirements reflect the District's commitment to reducing waste and improving our environmental footprint. The Department of Public Works and the Department of Energy and Environment are committed to working together to make the transition to these new requirements straightforward and simple.

To help businesses successfully transition to these requirements, we have developed a one-stop zero waste website with tools and resources for businesses including downloadable signs, fact sheets, and more: <u>zerowaste.dc.gov</u>. Please help us get the word out about these new initiatives, and don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, or concerns.



To find more information and stay up-to-date on the new recycling rules, please visit our new website, <u>zerowaste.dc.gov</u>.

Email: Zero.Waste@dc.gov