



# Waste

*Saving on waste collection costs and lowering the building's environmental impact by reducing the amount of waste generated and increasing re-use and recycling. Engaging residents and staff on the waste reduction journey and re-investing savings into the building.*

## Participants

- Monitor waste monthly, including monitoring contamination of your recycling and organics bins
- Conduct a waste assessment (within the last 3 years)
- Keep a clean, accessible recycling room or drop-off area with clear signage

## Performers

- Have Operations & Maintenance practices, equipment and upgrades to enable increased waste diversion (e.g. upgrading or covering the recycling area, or making access easier)
- Train staff on waste reduction, diversion, sorting, contamination and resident engagement
- Refresh resident engagement and education about waste diversion, using signs and stickers, Welcome Package info, hosting an interactive lobby booth visit from Solid Waste Management Services, or other
- Support a tenant "3R Ambassador" or active residents group for waste & recycling
- Have an organic (green bin) collection for recycling food waste
- Have collections for other waste streams (e.g. Household Hazardous Waste, E-waste, and others like cooking oil, or clothing donations)
- Perform in the top 25% of the benchmark for annual waste generation

## Leaders

- Continue improving waste diversion to get into the top 10% of the benchmark
- Have and use a savings redistribution plan to re-invest waste savings into other building and community projects (and use resident input to help direct this re-investment)
- Demonstrate leadership in waste reduction, for example a Sharing Shelf/Tool Library, a recycling incentive program for tenants, and more