

iBIN Recycling

IN-APARTMENT RECYCLING BIN

PROGRAM FAQ'S

iBIN RECYCLING

What is the iBIN Recycling program?

The City of Davis Recycling Program has received a grant from the California Department of Conservation to purchase recycle bins for multi-family properties in Davis. With this program, each apartment will receive their own iBIN recycling container to collect recyclables.

iBIN NEEDED

Why the need for individual containers for residents?

In 1989, Assembly Bill 939 was signed into law, requiring that all cities recycle 50% of their waste. In order to maintain this goal, we need to recycle as much as we possibly can. We want to make recycling easy for Davis residents--single-family homes in Davis have their own recycling cart--it makes sense that residents in apartment units have their own as well. On campus housing uses these same recycling bins, so students moving into off-campus apartments are already familiar with these. The presence of a recycling container in the home is also a visual reminder to recycle.

iBIN BORROWED

Do the residents get to keep the recycling containers?

No, the iBIN recycling containers remain the property of the City of Davis Recycling Program. While each apartment unit will have it's own iBIN, the iBIN does not belong to the residents. When the residents move, they must leave their iBIN behind. Please add the iBIN recycling container as part of your inventory checklist so that residents are responsible for their iBIN's return at the end of their stay.

iBIN WHAT?

What is an iBIN?

An iBIN, or in-apartment recycling bin, is a small recycling container that will be purchased by the City with grant funds and given to each apartment unit in Davis. The iBIN will stay in the apartment to be used for collecting and transporting recycling. The iBINs are small, 6 gallon containers (13" x 13" x 12") with a handle, so they are easy to carry back and forth to the community recycling carts. The iBINs will have labels on them that explain what materials are recyclable and a note that the iBIN is the property of the City of Davis.



The iBIN

iBIN PROVIDED WITH...

What will the City's Recycling Program provide?

The City of Davis Recycling Program will provide you with:

1. iBINs, delivered to your property
2. Information packet for property managers explaining the program
3. Recycling guides and letters from the City that explain the program to your residents
4. Posters promoting the program and encouraging recycling

iBIN HELPING

If we choose to participate, what are my duties as a property manager?

As part of your participation, we ask the following:

1. Inform your residents in advance about the program. The City Recycling Program will provide a draft letter to use as a template or to copy.
2. Distribute to your residents the iBINS, recycling guides and letter provided by the City.
3. Add the iBIN to your apartment check-out list so residents know to leave them behind when they move out. Some managers in the pilot program had their residents bring their iBINS to the office as they checked out, just to make sure they were left behind.
4. Report back to the City of Davis Recycling Program if you see any iBINS abandoned by dumpsters or thrown away. Please collect discarded iBINS and contact the City Recycling Program (757-5686).

iBIN DISTRIBUTION

How am I supposed to distribute the iBINS to my residents?

We will let you know ahead of time when your iBINS will be delivered. Please distribute them at your earliest convenience, making sure each apartment has one.

iBIN TAKEN

What happens if some of my residents take their iBINS with them when they move?

We cannot expect that 100% of the iBINS will be left behind when residents move-out. Unfortunately, some iBINS will likely be broken or misplaced. If that happens, the City Recycling Program will not hold you financially responsible for their return. However, we may or may not (depending on our current supply of iBINS) be able to replace your missing iBINS right away. The best way to ensure that the iBINS will not be taken is to add the iBINS to the check-out list and make residents responsible for them.

iBIN CHECKING

How will the program be monitored?

As required by the grant, every three months for the first year City Recycling Program Staff will assess the program's success by examining how much recycling is being collected. This means that City Recycling Program Staff will be stopping by occasionally to count the number of bottles and cans that are collected in the recycling carts. Program staff will notify you ahead of time when they will be stopping by, just to give you a heads-up.

iBIN ON THE WAY

When will the program start?

Sometime in 2008, but *exactly* when is what we would like to hear from you! Since the iBINS need to be added to the check-out list to make sure residents leave them behind when they move-out, we will be looking for input from apartment managers as to the best time to deliver your iBINS. The City will be hosting workshops to discuss the program directly with apartment managers and answer questions. We strongly encourage all managers to attend these workshops--we would like to make this program as easy as possible for you!