

RECYCLING

# STEPS TO Recycling In Public Spaces

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR AWAY-FROM-HOME RECYCLING** 

#### **TWIN THE BINS**

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Keep recycling simple and convenient. Pair the trash and recycling bins together to reduce contamination and increase recycling rates.

# CHOOSE BINS OF DISTINCTION

Select recycling bins that are compatible but distinct from trash cans. Use different colors like blue or green, bins with different shaped openings and labels that distinguish them from trash cans.



## LABEL IT

Clearly label trash and recycling bins with key words, colors and images of what is collected. Ensure signage is visible from a distance.



# **PUT IT TOGETHER**

Collect all recyclables mixed together. Single stream recycling is available in most areas and makes it easier for the public and staff and reduces the number of bins needed.

# **DE-TRASH**

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Too many trash cans can make twinning difficult. Assess the capacity needs for the space, remove extra trash cans and create twinned stations at locations the public will likely have materials to discard.



## **PARTNER FOR PICK-UP**

Contact your current trash hauler. Most haulers offer recycling pick-up that can be integrated into the contract for trash collection. There are also many independent haulers that offer recycling pick-up.



#### **MONITOR AND MEASURE**

Monitor bins regularly and make adjustments as needed to address any problems. Adopt a consistent method to track progress.



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