



The City of San Diego Multi-Family Recycler of the Month Award

Presidio Place
5645 Friars Road, 9211

PRESIDIO PLACE
Condominium Association

Presidio Place is a 402-unit condo complex divided between six buildings of four stories each. The complex is participating in the City of San Diego's multi-family recycling pilot program that distributed re-usable, in-unit recycling bags to multi-family residents. The bags were purchased with grant money from the State Department of Conservation, and were designed to assist residents to collect recyclables at their home and transport them to a central disposal area in the complex. The bags are made of 100% recycled plastic. They are flexible, have a large capacity and can fit in small spaces or even be hung. They are also easy to carry, leaving residents' hands free to carry other items such as the trash bags, which is also disposed at the same location.



Each building has 2 chute rooms on each floor, one for recycling and one for trash. The implementation and education outreach for the recycling program is lead by a resident who is very proactive in setting up proper recycling signage on chute rooms doors, chute doors, bulletin boards and smaller recycling containers located by mailboxes. After converting 50% of the trash chutes to recycling chutes and the distribution of the bags, the complex is now recycling approximately 60% of their waste.



Residents are very pleased with the bags. They are particularly pleased with the information and photos printed on it, informing about the City Recycling Ordinance and showing what can and can't be recycled, clarifying questions they might have on what items should be recycled.



The partnership between PCM property manager Dennis Beebe and the residents lead by HOA member Wayne Williams proved to be very successful. The residents are very involved and participating at an impressive level resulting on an approximate 50% waste diversion rate saving over \$125 per month on their waste collection bills.

Property manager Dennis Beebe, and HOA member Wayne Williams, with the September 2009 Recycler of the Month award