



# News Release

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## **SAHA LEADS AREA APARTMENTS WITH NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM**

SAN ANTONIO – As the City of San Antonio begins to implement its multi-family recycling program today, the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) recycling program is well underway, providing recycling services at all its apartment communities.

Many SAHA residents have taken full advantage of the agency's recycling services for months and, by the end of this month, all of SAHA's 90 communities will have access to on-site disposal of recyclables.

"I'm proud that, once again, SAHA is leading the industry and our community by expediting the implementation of our multi-family recycling program," said Lourdes Castro Ramírez, SAHA President and CEO. "Providing these services to the thousands of families we serve, is a great start as our city brings these services online throughout the San Antonio area."

According to the City's Solid Waste Management Department, the City, along with community partners, drafted an ordinance, effective today (July 1, 2011), for recycling services to be available at multi-families developments, which account for 30 percent of San Antonio's population. The ordinance will be phased in through April 2012, according to the size of the multi-family development.

Recycling is one of the best ways San Antonians can serve as environmental stewards, not just for the community, but for the quality of the environment for future generations.

SAHA has conducted recycling training sessions at several of its properties, which focus on the individual responsibility each person has to help decrease waste and ways they can go about living up to a greener standard of living.

That's a lesson 20-year old Terrence Taylor, a SAHA resident at Westway Apartments, knows will pay off greatly for the community where he and his mother have lived for 10 years. "We'll be able to keep our community much cleaner and give our residents a sense of pride," Taylor says, adding that sorting waste prevents trash bins from overflowing and polluting the area.

The prospect of having a clean community makes residents feel good and proud of their homes, especially youth, says Taylor.

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