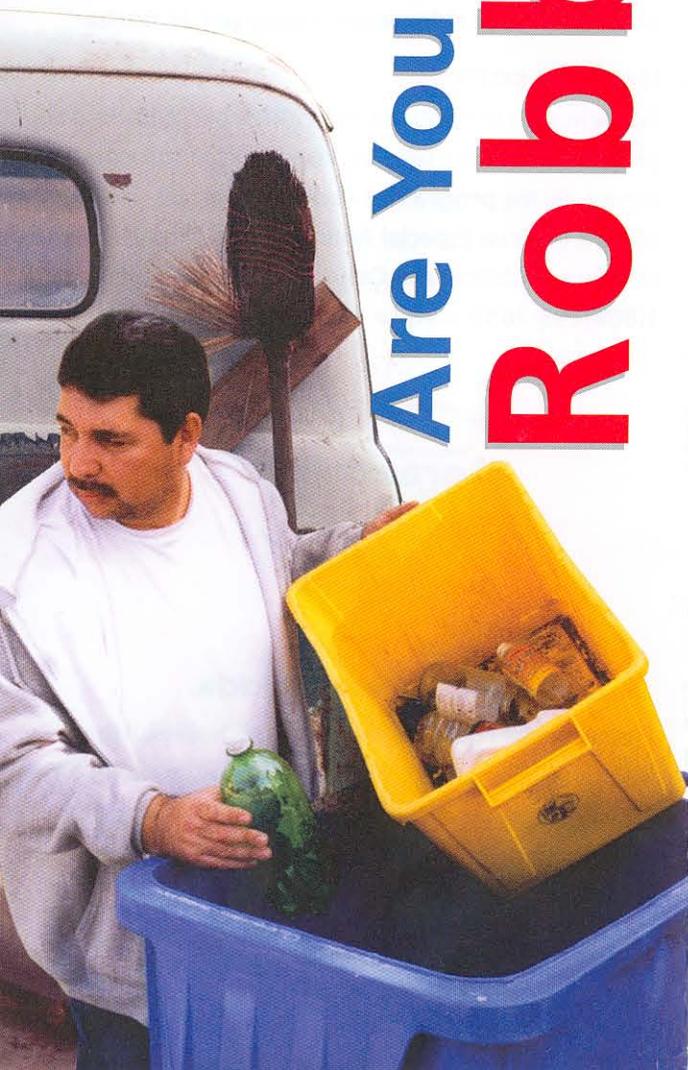


Stop scavengers from stealing your recyclables

Are You Being Robbed?



Scavenging is illegal!

Scavenging is the theft of recyclable materials and is a misdemeanor punishable by law (Los Angeles County Code 120.72.196).



When recyclables are stolen from your collection bin, it drives up the cost of recycling collection and ultimately costs you, the rate payer, more money.

In the past, scavenging was primarily done by low-income citizens trying to earn a few extra dollars. Today, in many areas, organized crews with trucks descend on neighborhoods, stealing the recyclables from your container.

For safety reasons, we recommend you DO NOT confront a scavenger. **However, there are things you can do to help prevent scavenging:**

Report the crime

If you see a scavenging crime being committed, call the Executive Sheriff Station and report the following:

1. an accurate location
2. a good description of the person
3. a vehicle description, including license plate number and direction of travel
4. types of recyclable materials stolen



Be aware

Ask patrol services and neighbors who are out late or up early to be on the lookout for scavengers.

Outsmart them

Place your recyclables out in the morning instead of the night before collection. Scavenging usually takes place at night.

Do the right thing

Don't let scavenging hurt your recycling program. For more information on the County's environmental programs, call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Environmental Hotline at 1(888)CLEAN LA or visit 888CleanLA.com.



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

To report a scavenging crime, call the Executive Sheriff Station 24 hours a day at **323-526-5541**. Ask for the crime prevention phone number for your area.

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