

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2019

## Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future

### Building a Sustainable Future

Buford Elementary School located in Los Angeles County unincorporated community of Lennox received a State Urban Greening Grant with the assistance of LA County. The grant helped build a garden transforming a corner of the campus into a living model promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability.

LA County in partnership with Los Angeles Conservation Corps completed the construction earlier this year. A large quadrant of asphalt was replaced with drought-tolerant landscaping and trees. The project included outdoor seating for students and faculty to congregate and enjoy activities outside the classroom. It also included a raised-bed garden and fruit trees, giving students an opportunity to grow their own food and learn how fun and easy it is to eat healthy. The permeable landscaping and garden also capture storm water run-off. Parents and teachers are grateful that the new garden brings educational opportunities for children to learn about healthy lifestyles while providing fresh, nutritious produce for students and their families.

Before



During



After



### Los Angeles County Plastic Straws and Stirrers Upon Request Ordinance

- In supporting **California State Assembly Bill 1884** (AB 1884), the Board of Supervisors approved a plastic straw and stirrer ordinance on January 3, 2019, prohibiting all food service businesses from automatically providing single-use plastic straws or stirrers, unless requested by the consumer.
- This ordinance applies to all food service operations in LA County facilities and in LA County unincorporated communities.
- The ordinance also prohibits food service operations from providing a self-serve dispenser for single-use plastic straws or stirrers.
- Beginning January 1, 2020, violation notices may be issued for non-compliance and may result in \$25 fines each day, not to exceed \$300 annually.
- Please visit LA County Department of Public Health for additional information: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/misc/SingleUsePlasticStrawsStirrersFAQ.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/misc/SingleUsePlasticStrawsStirrersFAQ.pdf)



### TIPS ON REDUCING WASTE

- Bring Your Own (BYO) straw and beverage container to avoid using single use plastic.
- Use alternatives such as silicone, bamboo or metal straws.

*Everywhere You Go*

**BYO**

Bring Your Own

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