

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

4th Quarter 2024
Roadmap to a Sustainable
Waste Management Future



Waste Hauling Services

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 established a goal for the State of California to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% from the 2014 baseline. County facilities are required to sign up for organic waste collection services. In addition, facilities generating at least four cubic yards per week of solid waste are also required to sign up for recycling services.

County facilities can sign up for these services through the Internal Services Department (ISD) Facility Ancillary Master Services Agreement (FASMA). To find the hauler for your region, visit the following website: pw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics/fasmahaulers.cfm

Contact Sumit Sharma of ISD at (323) 267-2223 or Tatiana Menendez of ISD at (323) 607-1153 to sign up for organic waste collection and recycling services.

Alternatively, County facilities can sign up for organic waste, recycling and trash collection services through the jurisdiction in which they are located. Start by visiting this website: pw.lacounty.gov/epd/swims/Businesses/find-waste-hauler-esri.aspx

At least once a year, County facilities are required to provide information to tenants, employees, contractors and customers regarding the location of waste and recycling containers and the requirements for separating material that is placed in each container. This information should also be provided to new employees no more than 14 days after their employment commences. Properly label receptacles for source-separated organic waste and non-organic recyclables. If container contamination exists, work with your hauler to inform and educate employees about proper source separation and prevention of container contamination.

County facilities and operations that self haul are required to use a contracted County vendor for collection of all other organic waste not self hauled or managed on site.

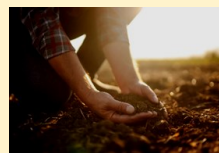
Battery Recycling



In order to prevent fires and toxic chemicals from leaking into the environment, it is against the law to put batteries in the trash. County facilities generating battery

waste should sign up for battery collection services, which are an incurred cost. County facilities can sign up for battery collection services through the jurisdiction in which they are located. To find County vendors for battery collection services, contact Sumit Sharma of ISD at (323) 267-2223.

Procuring Recovered Organic Waste Products



The County's Organic Waste Policy requires County Departments that use compost and mulch to procure SB 1383-compliant products created from recovered organic waste. All service contracts related to

landscaping should include provisions for procurement of SB 1383-compliant compost and mulch as well as proper reporting of quantities purchased. The Policy also encourages County Departments to procure fuel and electricity created from recovered organic waste. County Departments should report their procurement of SB 1383-compliant products to Public Works monthly. Please access the reporting forms and instructions here: <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics/ReportForms.cfm>



Waste-Free Event Planning

The [Waste-Free Event Guide](#) includes guidelines for managing, reducing and diverting solid waste from landfill disposal.

This maximizes recycling opportunities, including for organic waste such as landscaping debris and food waste.

The Guide can be applied to venues and events, such as:

- Convention centers
- Stadiums
- Amusement parks
- Race tracks
- Zoos
- Golf courses
- Museums
- Airports



- Sports tournaments
- Concerts
- Festivals
- Fun runs
- Fairs
- Farmers' markets
- Swap meets

Learn practical ideas to successfully plan and carry out a waste-free event while contributing to the County's efforts to reduce the amount of solid waste produced and sent to landfills.

For assistance in planning waste-free events in the unincorporated areas and at County facilities, email WasteFreeEvents@pw.lacounty.gov or call (888) CLEAN-LA.

Reducing Waste at Home

You can take action now to reduce waste such as food waste and packaging:

- Commit to freezing leftover food.
- Bring Your Own (BYO) container when eating out. Ask the server to put leftovers in your container or do it yourself.
- Grocery shop in bulk for items such as flour, nuts, beans, rice and other staples. Do the same for pet food. Label storage containers with expiration date and make sure to use up, freeze, or donate well before food expires.



Helpful links: fightfoodwastela.com
calrecycle.ca.gov/recycleorganics

