Los Angeles County FixIt Clinics

Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) sponsors FixIt Clinics to encourage the reuse of household items by helping community members repair rather than dispose of them in landfills. This program aligns with the Los Angeles County Zero Waste Plan, which seeks to establish a sustainable waste management system by shifting to a circular economy.

Residents are encouraged to pre-register online before each event to secure their spot. At these events, residents may not only have their items repaired at no cost but also learn from the volunteers who repair their broken items, empowering them to make repairs at home. Commonly repaired items include bicycles, jewelry, kitchen mixers, tea kettles, vacuums, sewing machines, and electronic devices.

Partnering community groups help attract diverse audiences and provide outreach and education on various topics like reducing single-use plastics, which adds value to repair clinic events. Through knowledge sharing, participants build relationships with their neighbors and learn more about sustainable waste management and the circular economy.

In 2024, organizers successfully held FixIt Clinics in libraries, community centers, and restaurants in various cities throughout Los Angeles County, including Long Beach, Glendale, and Burbank. Public Works is planning more repair clinic events throughout the county in 2025. Attendees and volunteers expressed that they are looking forward to attending future events.

For more information on FixIt Clinics and participation in the program, visit <u>fixitclinic.blogspot.com</u>.