

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

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## Single-Use Plastics Policy Report Forms

Forms for reporting procured foodware products are now available through the County Departmental Recycling Program website at: [pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/environmental-services/drp/single-use-plastic-policy](http://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/environmental-services/drp/single-use-plastic-policy)

## Staff Training: Making Sustainability Our New Reality



TalentWorks is the County's primary learning platform used for employee training and development. It includes direct access to web-based courses and stores data for all TalentWorks training courses and in-person training completed by County employees.

Public Works has developed a new training, "Making Sustainability Our New Reality" available on TalentWorks at:

[lacounty.csod.com/ui/lms-learning-details/app/course/4dc9bd12-ca5e-4dad-bd6d-8e4f345ea95f](http://lacounty.csod.com/ui/lms-learning-details/app/course/4dc9bd12-ca5e-4dad-bd6d-8e4f345ea95f)

The course is a beneficial resource for all County employees, including new hires, to learn about the County Departmental Recycling Program, the laws driving County policies and initiatives, and various efforts to reduce and manage solid waste.

We encourage all County employees, especially Recycling Coordinators and Organic Waste Liaisons (OWLs), to take this course and promote it within your department. This fundamental course will help Recycling Coordinators and OWLs establish a baseline level of knowledge about solid waste management and generate new ideas to move County operations towards zero waste.



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## Methods to Divert Used Print Cartridges

Because print cartridge components contain hazardous materials, they are prohibited from landfill disposal and must be recycled as hazardous waste. Departments should gather their waste print cartridges and send them to a recycler or cartridge remanufacturer.

### Takeback Programs

The following County vendors currently take back print cartridges:

- Canon
- Rasix
- Ricoh
- Sharp
- Xerox



### County Surplus Program

In June 2007, the County Board of Supervisors passed a motion allowing the County Surplus Program to donate waste print cartridges to non-profit organizations registered as County vendors. For the most updated information on County vendors that recycle waste print cartridges, please have your Department Surplus Coordinator contact Anthony Davis of Internal Services Department at (213) 703-9691 or [adavis@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:adavis@isd.lacounty.gov).

## Hydration Stations



Hydration stations provide employees with convenient access to clean drinking water and reduce the amount of single-use plastic bottles entering the office waste stream. Employees can use hydration stations to refill their reusable cups and water bottles. County Departments can apply for grants to offset costs of installing hydration stations throughout their facilities.

As an added benefit, County employees add physical movement to their day by walking to hydration stations to refill their water bottles. Many County Departments, such as Animal Control, Child Support Services, and Public Works, have installed hydration stations.



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