

Organic Waste Management Resources

The Organic Waste Policy requires County departments to properly manage organic waste, such as landscaping debris and food waste. Contact your [Department Liaison](#) for technical assistance on how these requirements impact your facility and ways to comply.

Internal Services Department manages Facility Ancillary Service Master Agreements (FASMA) with waste haulers to provide service to County facilities. Each FASMA hauler provides service in a designated zone. The FASMA haulers are:

- Athens Services
- Southland Disposal
- Universal Waste Systems
- USA Waste

Alternatively, County facilities may use the waste hauler that provides commercial waste collection services in the city or unincorporated area in which they are located. Your waste hauler is required to comply with the State Senate Bill 1383 organic waste recycling requirements by taking the collected organic waste to an approved processing facility. Visit the County facilities' organic waste website (pw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics) to find out which FASMA hauler is contracted to provide service to your facility's region and the most recent list of approved organic waste processing facilities.

Annual Report on Waste Diversion Programs and Efforts

Every year, Public Works is required to submit a report to CalRecycle on the County's waste diversion programs and efforts. This report includes data on County departments' activities to prevent and reduce waste, including procurement of recycled-content products and recycling of CRV beverage containers, paper/cardboard, tires, scrap metal, batteries, textiles, mattresses, and organic waste. Please submit your department's data for Calendar Year 2025 to cdrp@pw.lacounty.gov no later than May 31, 2026.



What Does Zero Waste Mean?

Los Angeles County is seeking to establish a sustainable waste management system by shifting to a circular economy. The Zero Waste Plan is the Los Angeles County waste management planning document that lays out the general framework for programs and policies the County can implement to reduce reliance on limited landfill space for disposal, maximize the use of natural resources, and recover materials for beneficial resources. Achieving zero waste requires prioritizing methods and systems to reduce landfill disposal, such as reusing, recycling, or composting.

County employees and residents can reduce overconsumption in order to prevent waste by:

- Refusing offered items, such as promotional flyers, flimsy kids' toys, and items with excessive packaging.
- Removing yourself from mailing lists and catalogs. This reduces waste from unsolicited postal mail. For more information on alleviating junk mail, visit the following website: pw.lacounty.gov/epd/junkmail/index.cfm
- Donating or reselling no longer used items on online platforms, including social media groups, or offline with a yard sale.
- Organizing a clothing swap with friends, co-workers, or community groups to encourage sharing and conserving resources.
- Attending an LA Fixit Clinic event to have broken items repaired at no cost. To find a Fixit Clinic near you visit:
 - ◆ [LA County Library – Fixit Clinic Events](#)
 - ◆ [Fixit Clinic](#)



For more information, check out the [Zero Waste Plan](#). Let's work together in maximizing reuse and recovery of resources to achieve a sustainable waste management future.

