



# County of Los Angeles

## COVID-19 Newsletter Impacts to Solid Waste Management

March 26, 2020

Los Angeles County will continue collecting trash, recycling, green waste and bulky items in unincorporated communities through contracted waste haulers while flattening the curve on COVID-19. Maintaining these essential services without interruption is a priority for the County. Residents and businesses should continue to place their trash, recycling and green waste in the appropriate bins as customary.

The health and safety of our residents is of the utmost importance to the County including sanitation workers that continue to provide this essential service. Out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19, many facilities that process collected recyclables have suspended operations. Therefore, the County is allowing contracted waste haulers to dispose of recyclables and green/organic waste at landfills on a temporary basis. You may see only one truck collecting the material from all your bins during this time. If you live in an incorporated City, your trash and recycling collection and processing may be different.

However, there are common guidelines that everyone should practice regardless of who your waste hauler is to ensure proper processing and the health and safety of sanitation workers and the public.

### Guidelines to follow:

- Continue to separate recyclables and green waste and place them in the correct bin; recyclables should be empty, dry and clean
- Ensure the lids of your bins are closed and are placed at curbside properly to allow for trucks to collect the material without sanitation workers having to touch the bins

Together we can flatten the curve while protecting sanitation workers and conserving the environment.

# Utility Bill Relief

Los Angeles County **will NOT SHUT OFF OR STOP SERVICES** for customers who are delinquent or behind in service or permit payments until the Safer at Home Order is lifted. Essential services like water, sewer and trash pick-up will continue to be provided.

For any inquires, contact Public Works' **24 hour/7 day** dispatch number at **(800) 675-4357**.

# Community Events

Public health and safety is our top priority. In compliance with the, **Safer at Home Order**, we have postponed various types of events on a temporary basis throughout the County.

**The following events have been postponed:**

- Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection
- Smart Gardening Workshops
- Mattress Collection
- Mulch and Compost Events
- Annual Clean-up Collection



We encourage residents to do their part to flatten the curve on COVID-19 by staying home. We appreciate the public's participation in keeping our communities clean and environment healthy. Please remember to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink! We are all in this together!

Visit **CleanLA.com** for updates as they become available.

# Safer at Home Order

Due to the continued rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health issued the **Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19** on March 11, 2020 (rev. 3/21/20). This Order prohibits all public and private group events and gatherings from March 21 – April 19, 2020. All persons are to remain in their homes or place of residence except for travel to and from essential businesses, to work at or provide service to a healthcare operation of essential infrastructure, to engage in essential activities, or to participate in an individual or family outdoor activity, while practicing social distancing. Social distancing while outside (keeping at least 6 feet away from others) and staying at home will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and assist in preventing overcrowding in our hospitals. For additional information visit [ph.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus](https://ph.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus)