

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

1st Quarter 2021
**Roadmap to a Sustainable
Waste Management Future**

Food Recovery Challenge

To encourage food waste prevention and reduction, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency reopened their Food Recovery Challenge. The Challenge recognizes partner businesses and organizations, such as County Departments, for setting food waste diversion goals, implementing strategies to reduce wasted food in their operations and communicating the importance of reducing food waste. These goals and strategies on the EPA's website include: food waste donation programs, repurposing food waste as animal feedstock, composting of wasted food and other industrial uses. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021.

To apply, visit epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/joining-food-recovery-challenge-and-awards-process. Public Works can assist County facilities with the application process. For more information, contact Nilda Gemeniano at (626) 418-1550 or ngemenia@pw.lacounty.gov.

Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated on Thursday, April 22, 2021. *Restore Our Earth* is this year's theme. Support Earth Day by:

- Promoting the use of reusables instead of single-use items at home and at work.
- Providing tips to employees for recycling paper and cardboard at home and the office.
- Encouraging employees to recycle their CRV eligible beverage containers. It puts money in their pocket and keeps them from going to the landfill.



For additional resources, contact Arlene Morales, Countywide Recycling Coordinator, at (626) 458-7834 or amorales@pw.lacounty.gov. You can also visit [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com).



Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Beverage Recycling Program

Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation kicked off a new Beverage Container Recycling Program at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. Four recycling bins were strategically placed throughout the park. The recyclables are collected by a non-profit organization on an as-needed basis.

This is a 12,658-acre facility that is a local recreational escape for the entire family. The park has forty-one amenities and activities such as: hiking, horseback riding, water boarding, jet skiing and camping. The recreation area is located forty miles north of Downtown Los Angeles and eight miles north of Six Flags Magic Mountain on Interstate 5.

For more information on Parks and Recreation's beverage container recycling program, please contact Department Recycling Coordinator, Alexander Mena, at (626) 588-5327 or amena@parks.lacounty.gov. To learn how to start beverage container recycling at your department/facility, contact Arlene Morales, Countywide Recycling Coordinator, at (626) 458-7834 or amorales@pw.lacounty.gov.



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