

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2021
**Roadmap to a Sustainable
Waste Management Future**

Organic Waste Recycling at Los Angeles County Facilities

County facilities can positively contribute to mitigating climate change by increasing diversion of organic waste from landfills as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 and Senate Bill (SB) 1383. AB 1826 requires businesses, including County facilities, generating two or more cubic yards of solid waste each week to subscribe to organic waste collection services. SB 1383 seeks to reduce organic waste disposed in landfills statewide by 75 percent and to recover at least 20 percent of edible food currently being disposed for human consumption by 2025. By January 1, 2022 all businesses, including County facilities, will need to subscribe to organic waste collection services per SB 1383. Additionally, SB 1383 requires the County to procure recovered organic waste products, such as compost and mulch. **We need your help to ensure County facilities meet the requirements. Failure to subscribe to organic waste collection services subjects the County to potential fines of up to \$10,000 per day.** County facilities should contact their waste hauler, ISD and work with their facilities management to set up their organic waste collection services.

For more information and resources to comply with AB 1826 and SB 1383 visit pw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics and contact Nilda Gemeniano at NGemenia@pw.lacounty.gov.

Los Angeles County's Smart Gardening Webinars

Public Works reached a milestone in Spring 2021 and hosted its 100th Smart Gardening webinar. To commemorate the event, seed packet prizes were given out. Public Works implemented these webinars in place of its in-person workshops in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This allowed residents to continue to take part in the effort to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills while beautifying their home. The program educates the public on smart gardening principles such as composting, waterwise gardening, small-space gardening and organic gardening. The live webinars allow people to ask questions and get immediate feedback.

To sign up for a live webinar, find gardening resources, view recorded webinars and short video tips, visit smartgardening.com.

Countywide Surplus Equipment Redistribution Program

The purpose of the LA County Surplus Program is to assist County departments with their surplus needs and promote reuse of surplus items rather than buying new. This helps all departments save money and diverts waste from landfills. Each department has a designated Department Surplus Property Coordinator (DSPC). The DSPCs are their department's central point of contact for surplus needs. They are also responsible for paperwork, reports, and/or audit requirements. To locate your department's coordinator click [here](#).

Tips to reduce waste and recycle:

- Ask your DSPC to post items no longer needed on the surplus web page
- Provide a picture and dimensions of surplus items needed or when posting available items
- DSPCs can send email blasts to other DSPCs.

For additional information visit the surplus website [here](#).

You may also email the Countywide Surplus Coordinator, Candy Rodarte at CRodarte@isd.lacounty.gov.



For questions or additional information regarding our programs,
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