

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

1st Quarter 2023  
Roadmap to a Sustainable  
Waste Management Future

## Reduce Single-Use Plastics

Lead the way in waste reduction at County facilities. Avoid using plastic utensils and paper napkins, instead use reusable utensils and cloth napkins. When single-use products are unavoidable at County facilities and County-sponsored events, use products that are certified compostable according to County Policy.

Information on the Ordinance impacting food facilities and retail establishments in unincorporated areas and online food-ordering platforms can be found here: [pw.lacounty.gov/epd/eps](http://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/eps)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are long lasting toxic chemicals that break down very slowly over time. PFAS is widely used in a variety of food service products such as coated paper products, popcorn bags, fast food wrappers and takeout containers.

To comply with County policy, food facilities that provide single-use food ware accessories such as utensils, straws and condiments, should ensure that these products are PFAS-free, and only be provided to customers upon request. Full-service restaurants in County facilities and venues must use reusable food ware for dine-in customers.



Learn how to host a zero-waste event by implementing best practices found in the [Waste-Free Event Guide](#). For assistance in planning waste-free events or obtaining proper foodware products, email [WasteFreeEvents@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:WasteFreeEvents@pw.lacounty.gov) or call 1(888) CLEAN-LA.

## Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Invest In Our Planet is this year's theme. Make Earth happy this year by:

- Conserving water and electricity.
- Looking for ways to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink.
- Composting
- Purchasing produce locally to reduce your footprint



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