

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2024
Roadmap to a Sustainable
Waste Management Future

Visits to County Facilities

County facilities are required to comply with various laws, regulations, and policies to manage solid waste. To ensure Los Angeles County facilities meet these requirements, Public Works will be visiting large County facilities to educate them about reducing single-use plastics/foodware, recycling materials such as paper, cardboard, and beverage containers, donating edible food, and managing organic waste (by signing up for collection services with a waste hauler or on-site composting). County facilities will also receive information on procuring recycled content paper products (printing and writing paper, janitorial supplies, etc.) as well as recovered organic waste products (compost, mulch, and fuel). In addition, County facilities will receive information on amending contracts such as landscaping and food service contracts to include sustainability language.

Site visits commenced in Summer 2024. For questions about the site visits or how to comply with solid waste management requirements, please contact Arlene Morales at (626) 458-7834 or amorales@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Tips For Office Sustainability

Implementing sustainable practices in your office is a good way to showcase to others how your office is responsible when it comes to our environment. Recycling beverage containers, batteries, and paper is important.

Here are more tips:

- Use a cloud-based phone system which can be used in the event of a power outage.
- Use digital post-it notes for reminders.
- Bring nature indoors with plants that clean the air and remove pollutants.
- When purchasing furniture, ensure it is toxin free.
- Provide incentives to those who carpool, bike, or take public transportation to work.
- Offer telecommuting and have virtual meetings when possible.
- Educate new and existing employees about recycling programs.
- Procure toner cartridges and electronics from vendors who will take them back for recycling/remanufacturing.
- Ensure that contracts with vendors have applicable sustainable language, which can be found here: <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/SustainableContractLanguage.aspx>



We want to do our part to protect our environment and climate for the health and prosperity of future generations to come.



For questions or additional information,
email us at cdrp@pw.lacounty.gov.



Holiday Tips

As the holiday season approaches, consider your impact on the environment and how you can enhance sustainability during this holiday season. You can keep it simple by trying the following:

- Decorate with natural materials (wood, branches, leaves).
- Choose ethically sourced food.
- Use LED lights for decorations.
- Send e-cards instead of paper cards.
- Save wrapping paper and packaging for next year.
- Give a gift of experience (museum, zoo, amusement park).
- Use old maps or newspapers for wrapping paper.
- Make your own decorations.
- Make and mail a compostable holiday card that contains seedlings for trees or plants.
- Purchase a real tree and recycle it (it can be turned into mulch or wood chips)
- Carpool to holiday gatherings to lessen your carbon footprint.
- Avoid purchasing products made of single use plastics and foam.
- If you receive an electronic device as a gift, consider donating your older device or dispose it at a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Event/Center. Go to [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com) for a collection event or center.

