




As of July 1, 2012, Assembly Bill 341 mandates that all businesses located in California that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste each week (about eight 95-gallon curbside carts) must arrange for recycling services.

In 2014, Los Angeles County established a goal that by 2025, 80% of solid waste from unincorporated areas be diverted from landfill disposal. This includes focusing on County Operations to develop high-quality reduction and recycling programs and services at its own facilities and provide for solid waste management needs. Internal Services Department established contracts for the collection and recycling of mixed paper including cardboard, California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, organic waste, scrap metal, batteries, and x-ray film. The Countywide Surplus Equipment Redistribution Program also donates LA County surplus equipment such as toner cartridges, computers, and computer-related equipment to qualified non-profit organizations. Implementing recycling and donations to capture materials can reduce overall disposal and associated disposal costs over time.





Businesses that recycle are able to save money through reduced disposal costs, and recycling rebates.


Tips, Resources, and Assistance

 To request recycling bins, email cdrp@dpw.lacounty.gov or call the Countywide Recycling Coordinator at 1(888) CLEAN LA

 Contact an LA County vendor to set up paper or cardboard recycling collection by visiting pw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/paper.aspx. Find other local recyclers with LA County's useful search tool at BusinessRecycling.com

 Connect with an LA County vendor to collect beverage containers from your facility. Visit pw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/BeverageContainers.aspx

 Follow recycling guidelines established by your hauler. Contact your hauler if you have questions. For recycling rates by LA County hauler, visit pw.lacounty.gov/epd/organics/fasmahaulers.cfm

 Find more tips to recycle or to reduce waste by visiting pw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/QuickTips.aspx or calling the Countywide Recycling Coordinator at 1(888) CLEAN LA

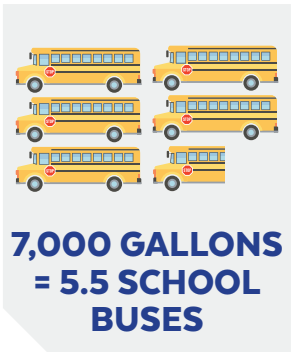
On average, over 56% of materials disposed could be recycled.

Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water - enough to fill 5.5 school buses

Recycling one ton of paper saves 7 trees.



Source: Calrecycle 2014 Generator-Based Characterization of Commercial Sector Disposal and Diversion in California



Source: Waste Management Recycling Facts & Tip Sheet



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Los Angeles County Facility Case Studies

Confidential Paper and Document Shredding

Confidential document shredding is utilized at multiple Los Angeles County facilities. Typically materials are shredded and recycled for use in new items, such as eco-friendly fire logs. In probation and sheriff's facilities such as Camp Glenn Rockey and Twin Towers Correctional Facility, shredding services are used for booking slips, forms, and other resident paperwork.



Medical health centers such as LAC+USC Medical Center and MacLaren Children's Center, utilize shredding services for medical records, patient information, and other confidential documents. Document destruction services can be ordered through a variety of Los Angeles County vendors, including SafeShred and File Keepers. Los Angeles County facilities can request collection bins with size options of 64 and 95 gallons. Bins can be picked up two times each month at no charge to the facility.

Cardboard and Office Paper Recycling



One of many Los Angeles County facilities successfully implementing cardboard and office paper is Public Works Hollydale Yard. To ensure success, recycling bins are located around the facility in areas where paper and cardboard are generated. Custodial staff empties office recycling bins into 3-cubic yard recycling bins outside when full.

Los Angeles County makes it easy to implement recycling programs like the one at Hollydale Yard. Recycling bins can be requested from the County Departmental Recycling Program. To ensure ongoing success, assign at least one employee to champion the recycling program who can serve as a point of contact for employees that have questions. An electronic system should be established to keep track of the types and quantities of materials that are recycled.

Beverage Container Recycling

Many Los Angeles County departments have implemented beverage container recycling programs. Department of Public Social Services Pomona District Office is a facility that operates a successful in-house beverage container recycling program. Their bins are located throughout the facility in highly trafficked employee areas such as break and lunchrooms.



Because beverage containers have a refund value of at least \$0.05 each, which make them a valuable commodity that is easily collected and recycled. Employees can elect to place their beverage containers in community bins where they are recycled to support employee events. Other facilities elect to have custodial staff collect and recycle beverage containers. Whichever option your office decides, it's easy to start recycling. To request a bin for your Los Angeles County facility, contact your Departmental Recycling Coordinator, whom you can find at: pw.lacounty.gov/epd/drp/RecyclingCoordinators.aspx.

Office Organic Waste Recycling



An office may find it challenging to implement a food and yard waste recycling program due to space and cost requirements. Fortunately, Los Angeles County facilities can take advantage of the Smart Gardening Program services and utilize "backyard" composting or worm composting bins as a means to recycle small amounts of employee food waste and facility landscaping waste.

The "backyard" bin is an indoor or outdoor bin that can be placed anywhere on the property. The worm bin is best located in a warehouse, loading dock, or covered outdoor space, such as a patio eating area. Detailed instructions are provided for each type of bin to help you get started. An onsite compost bin, coupled with a small pail in the lunchroom for the collection of food scraps, paper tea bags and coffee grounds is all that is needed to get your program implemented. For more information and composting supplies, email cdrp@dpw.lacounty.gov