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### **City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E Permanent Collection Centers**

Open Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted.  
Services suspended during rainy weather.  
For information, call (800) 98-TOXIC (988-6942).

### **Gaffey Street Collection Center**

1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

### **Hyperion Treatment Plant**

7660 W. Imperial Highway, Gate B, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

### **Washington Boulevard Collection Center**

2649 E. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90021

### **Randall Street S.A.F.E. Center**

11025 Randall Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352

### **UCLA Location** (E-waste accepted on Saturdays only)

550 Charles E. Young Drive West, Los Angeles, CA 90095  
Open Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **Los Angeles/Glendale Collection Center**

4600 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90039

### **Los Angeles County Permanent Collection Centers**

#### **Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center**

Antelope Valley Public Landfill,  
1200 West City Ranch Road, Palmdale, CA 93551  
Open 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **EDCO Environmental Collection Center**

EDCO Recycling and Transfer Center,  
2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755  
Open 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **About Household Hazardous Waste**

Items accepted: paint and solvents, used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze and other automotive fluids, cleaning products, pool and garden chemicals, aerosol cans, all medicines except for controlled substances, auto batteries, household batteries, computers, monitors, printers, network equipment, cables, telephones, televisions, microwaves, video games, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCRs and electronic toys. **Not accepted: business waste, ammunition, explosives, radioactive material, trash, tires and bulky items such as furniture, refrigerators, washing machines/dryers and stoves.**

## Reuse Centers Opening at Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center and EDCO Recycling and Transfer



The County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and EDCO Recycling and Transfer operate a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic waste (e-waste) collection center in Signal Hill. The county also partners with Waste Management at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) to operate a second permanent collection center in the Antelope Valley.

The permanent collection centers allow residents to properly dispose of HHW/E-Waste. Items dropped off at the centers are sorted, packed, and transported for proper disposal. Some items, however, arrive in good condition, unused, or partially used and are reusable for other residents.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) awarded Los Angeles County Public Works and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts a grant up to \$62,867 to evaluate expanding the

HHW/E-Waste Program by establishing Reuse Centers to help divert usable household hazardous materials from the waste stream. The reuse centers will enhance the level of service to residents by providing useful products free of charge and help emphasize the County's message of the Four Rs— Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink.

A multi-faceted education and outreach campaign was implemented to inform residents about the reuse centers. The campaign included a bilingual (English and Spanish) media campaign, print and digital media, stakeholder engagement, and partnerships with community-based organizations. Residents were educated on the concept of reuse before disposal and encouraged to frequent the Reuse Centers.

For more information on the Reuse Centers or the HHW/E-Waste program, please visit [CleanLA.com](https://www.cleanla.com) or call 1(888) CLEAN-LA.

## Single-Use Plastics Ordinance



Global shifts in recycling markets have made it increasingly difficult to keep many types of waste, including plastic waste, from being disposed into landfills instead of diverted. In California at least 85% of single-use plastic waste is not recycled. On April 19, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance.

The ordinance aims to reduce the use of single-use plastics in the unincorporated area, particularly food service ware, which was exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The abundant use of single-use masks, gloves, and other personal protective equipment were littered and wasted at an all-time high. Residents and visitors who were skill challenged, time challenged, or seeking comfort in convenience took to ordering takeout from the dwindling number of local eateries.

The Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) contracted with University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Luskin Center to complete a report on waste management of single-use plastic food service ware, which provided background information to draft the ordinance. A key finding of the report was that plastic food service ware, such as cutlery, straws, and cups, are rarely recycled in the County due to their small size and food residue contamination.

The report also found that expanded polystyrene (commonly referred to as “Styrofoam”) is particularly problematic because its light weight makes it economically impractical to recycle. The report found that compostable products, particularly those that are

fiber-based and do not contain fluorinated compounds such as polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), can be environmentally preferable.

The Ordinance requires single-use items provided by food facilities with ready-to-eat food to be either compostable or recyclable. Compostable is defined as consisting entirely of material that will promptly and safely break down into, or otherwise become part of, usable compost. The Ordinance further requires that compostable products be free of intentionally added fluorinated chemicals such as PFAS and be either certified as “home compostable,” composed solely of fiber-based (e.g., paper or wood) material, or be certified by both the Biodegradable Products Institute and the Compost Manufacturing Alliance.

Additionally, the Ordinance prohibits retail sale of products made from expanded polystyrene and requires full-service restaurants to use reusable food ware for dine-in customers. The Ordinance does provide a process for businesses to obtain hardship waivers which is currently being developed considering stakeholder input.

Most ordinance provisions will become effective on May 1, 2023, for food facilities operating in a permanent location and for all retail establishments. On November 1, 2023, the Ordinance will become effective for food trucks and on May 1, 2024, for certified farmers’ markets, temporary food facilities, and catering operations.

For more information or questions, please contact Nilda Gemeniano at [ngemenia@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ngemenia@dpw.lacounty.gov)



## City of Arcadia Pushes Forward with SB 1383 Implementation



Since Senate Bill (SB) 1383 went into effect on January 1, 2022, the City of Arcadia has made substantial progress to implement mandatory organics recycling and an edible food recovery program.

In accordance with SB 1383 and to achieve the statewide target of reducing methane emissions by 75% by 2025, the City of Arcadia adopted Ordinance No. 2383 in November 2021. Since then, the City has initiated outreach and education efforts to inform all Arcadia residents, commercial businesses, and multi-family complexes of their respective requirements to comply with SB 1383.

[Informational flyers](#) have been developed and its contents tailored to guide residents, commercial generators, and commercial food generators in understanding what they need to do. In addition, Public Works staff compiled a list of businesses that satisfied the definition of Tier 1 and Tier 2 and sent them informational letters which describe their mandatory participation in the food recovery program. The City contacted nearby food recovery organizations to confirm their capacity to

accept food from Arcadia businesses and provided their contact information to businesses.

Moreover, to aid residents in the transition to organics recycling, the City hosted an event in January to give away free kitchen compost pails. The event was so well-received by residents that they ran out of pails. During the event, City staff was readily available to answer and address any questions or concerns related to organics recycling.

Internally, the City began implementing the mandatory procurement of recovered organic waste products, which includes compost, mulch, and recycled-content paper products, to meet the City's procurement target as required by SB 1383.

While there is still much left to be done, the City of Arcadia is pleased with its progress on implementing SB 1383 and strives to make the transition as smooth as possible for its residents and businesses. For more information, please contact the [City of Arcadia Public Works Services Department](#) at (626) 254-2712.

## Announcing the Return of County Smart Gardening Workshops



After a lengthy absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County Public Works restarted its free in-person workshops in May to teach County residents about sustainable gardening practices. A beginner's workshop is offered and covers the basic concepts of composting, water-wise gardening, grass cycling, and edible gardening. An advanced workshop, to be offered later, teaches the fundamental principles of drought-tolerant landscaping, organic gardening, and integrated pest management.

Prior to the pandemic, Public Works held close to 100 workshops a year at libraries, parks, botanic gardens, and other community venues. During the pandemic, Public Works switched to free webinars, which will continue indefinitely. Only two in-person workshops are currently

being held per month, but Public Works plans to increase these offerings in the coming months.

The workshops are part of the County's efforts to reduce organic waste going to the landfills by 75% by 2025. In addition to helping residents improve their lawns and gardens at home, the workshops help combat the exceptional drought being experienced throughout California and the West.

Backyard and worm compost bins are offered after each workshop and webinar at a discount price to attendees. For a schedule of workshops and to register for the webinars, visit [smartgardening.com](https://www.smartgardening.com). To learn more about the program, e-mail [SmartGardening@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SmartGardening@pw.lacounty.gov).

## SB 1383: County Coordination with Jurisdictions



Senate Bill (SB) 1383 established targets to reduce the statewide disposal of organic waste. Additionally, the bill required the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in consultation with the California Air Resources Board, to adopt regulations to achieve these targets. The regulations include “Article 11. Organic Waste Recycling Capacity Planning” which requires counties and jurisdictions located within the county, to perform the following tasks:

1. Estimate the amount of organic waste that will be disposed by their jurisdiction.
2. Identify existing organic waste recycling infrastructure capacity that is verifiably available to the jurisdiction.
3. Estimate the amount of new or expanded organic waste recycling facility capacity that the jurisdiction will need.

Since the passing of SB 1383, the County has provided guidance and leadership to its jurisdictions in preparation to meet the reporting requirements of Article 11. This included holding quarterly meetings with the jurisdictions and CalRecycle, developing the Organic Waste Recycling and Edible Food Recovery Capacity Planning website (Capacity Planning website), and conducting a regional capacity assessment.

The County held a series of quarterly meetings with jurisdictions starting in April 2021. During these meetings, County staff provided resources and calculation materials

to assist cities with their capacity planning efforts. They also provided detailed instructions and guidelines for how jurisdictions should submit their data to the County.

The County developed a new Capacity Planning website to provide resources and guidelines to jurisdictions, as well as provide a mechanism for them to submit organic waste and edible food disposal and capacity data to the County. The aim of the website is to make the process of estimating, planning, and submitting disposal and capacity data as simple and accessible as possible.

The County is currently working with its consultant to administer a regional assessment of approximately 300 existing, potential, planned, and proposed expanded organic waste processing facilities throughout Southern California. The results of this assessment will be provided as a resource to jurisdictions that may need to submit an implementation schedule for organic waste capacity. The implementation schedule should demonstrate how the jurisdiction will ensure there is enough available capacity to recover the organic waste currently disposed by generators within their jurisdiction. Additionally, survey templates utilized for the assessment are posted on the Capacity Planning website if jurisdictions would like to conduct their own organic waste facility capacity assessments.

SB 1383 requires the County to report the countywide capacity data to CalRecycle on or by August 1, 2022.

## SUMMER 2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) continuously monitors and analyzes legislation that may impact solid waste management in Los Angeles County. Below are summaries of legislation the Task Force has taken a position on during the second half of the 2021/2022 Legislative Session.

### California State Legislation:

Bill Number / Author	Task Force Position	Status
<p><b>AB 363</b> Medina</p> <p>Requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, develop project grant criteria and guidelines for a new On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Program (VIP2y).</p>	Support If Amended	Senate Committee on Transportation
<p><b>AB 661</b> Bennett</p> <p>This bill makes numerous changes to the State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) including, among other things, requiring state agencies, if fitness and quality are equal, to purchase recycled products instead of nonrecycled products, whenever recycled products are available at no more than 10% greater total cost than nonrecycled products.</p>	Support If Amended	Senate Committee on Appropriations
<p><b>AB 1747</b> Quirk</p> <p>This bill would provide that the list of violations that constitute cause for a disciplinary action by the Contractors State License Board includes a willful or deliberate disregard of any state or local law relating to the issuance of building permits and would authorize a civil penalty not to exceed \$30,000 for any violation.</p>	Support	Senate Floor
<p><b>AB 1817</b> Ting and Cristina Garcia</p> <p>Prohibits, beginning January 1, 2025, any person from selling any textile articles that contain intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, except for textiles used for personal protective equipment or certain other regulated products.</p>	Support If Amended/Oppose Unless Amended	Senate Floor





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**AB 1857**

Cristina Garcia

Oppose

Senate Committee on  
Appropriations

The bill will repeal the diversion credit for municipal solid waste incinerators and redefine the practice of incineration as disposal. Further, the bill would require CalRecycle, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to administer the Zero-Waste Equity Grant Program as a competitive grant program to support targeted strategies and investments in communities transitioning to a zero-waste circular economy. However, advanced conversion technologies would not be eligible if they convert waste to fuels.

**AB 1985**

Robert Rivas

Support

Senate Committee on  
Appropriations

This bill creates a delayed and ramping enforcement timeline for penalties for local jurisdictions to meet their organic waste procurement targets, allows jurisdictions to utilize waste reduction programs to meet procurement targets, and allows jurisdictions to use organic waste processed out of state for the purposes of meeting procurement targets.

**AB 2048**

Santiago

Support

Senate Floor

This bill would require CalRecycle to create and maintain a publicly accessible database that provides direct electronic links to those posted franchise agreements.

**AB 2208**

Kalra

Support

Senate Floor

This bill would prohibit the sale of compact fluorescent lamp and, on and after January 1, 2024, and a pin-base type compact fluorescent lamp or a linear fluorescent lamp, on or after January 1, 2025. The bill would exempt various lamps that meet specified criteria.

**AB 2374**

Bauer-Kahan

Support

Senate Floor

This bill would increase the maximum fine for the dumping of commercial quantities of waste by a business that employs more than 10 employees from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the first conviction, from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for the second conviction, and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the third and any subsequent convictions.

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**AB 2440**

Irwin

Support

Senate Committee on Appropriations

This bill would enact the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022, which would require producers, either individually or through a stewardship organization, to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of covered batteries and covered battery-embedded products.

**AB 2784**

Ting and Irwin

Support

Senate Committee on Appropriations

This bill would require the total thermoform plastic containers sold or imported by a food or beverage producer to contain specified amounts of postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic based on a tiered plan commencing January 1, 2025; no less than 20% or 30% postconsumer recycled plastic per year on and after July 1, 2030.

**SB 45**

Portantino

Support In Concept

Assembly Committee on Appropriations

The bill would require CalRecycle, in consultation with the Air Resources Board, to provide assistance to local jurisdictions, including but not limited to, any funding appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to assist local agencies to comply with provisions, including any regulations adopted by CalRecycle.

**SB 54**

Allen, Stern, and Weiner

Neutral\*

Chaptered June 30, 2022

The Act establishes the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, which would prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or single-use, disposable food service ware products selling in the state such packaging or products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, unless they are recyclable or compostable. \*Due to last minute amendments creating roadblocks to development of conversion technology facilities.

**SB 833**

Dodd and Stern

Support

Assembly Committee on Appropriations

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop and implement a grant program to award grants through a noncompetitive process for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans to address power outages.



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**SB 1046**

Eggman and Gonzalez

Support If Amended

Assembly Floor

Prohibits, on and after January 1, 2025, a store from providing a precheckout bag, as defined, to a customer if the bag is not either a compostable or a recycled paper bag.

**SB 1187**

Kamlager

Support

Assembly Committee on  
Appropriations

This bill would require CalRecycle to establish a temporary pilot project of up to 3 years located in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura in partnership with garment manufacturers in order to study and report on the feasibility of recycling fabric.

**SB 1215**

Newman

Support

Assembly Committee on  
Appropriations

This bill would, among other things, expand the definition of "covered electronic device" to include a "covered battery-embedded product," thereby expanding the scope of the existing electronic device recycling statutes to include covered battery-embedded products. The bill would require a consumer, on and after January 1, 2026, to pay a covered electronic waste recycling fee upon the purchase of a new or refurbished covered battery-embedded product.

**SB 1256**

Wieckowski

Support

Assembly Floor

This bill would prohibit the sale of disposable propane cylinders commencing January 1, 2028. Violations would be subject to civil penalties imposed by city attorney or county counsel.

For more information on these bills or copies of Task Force letters, please visit the Task Force website, [www.lacountyiswmtf.org](http://www.lacountyiswmtf.org) or contact Perla Gomez with the County of Los Angeles Department Public Works, at (626) 300-2616, Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or

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