

Did You Know?



- ♻️ 500,000 trees must be cut down to produce the Sunday newspaper each week.
- ♻️ Americans use 85,000,000 tons of paper a year.
- ♻️ Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 styrofoam cups.
- ♻️ Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away.
- ♻️ Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures a year.
- ♻️ Once an aluminum can is recycled, it will be part of a new can within six weeks.
- ♻️ Recycling steel saves enough energy annually to supply a large city with almost a decade worth of electricity.
- ♻️ It costs \$30 per ton, on average, to recycle trash and \$50 to send it to the landfill.

Reduce



Reuse



Recycle

To find out more about recycling at County facilities visit:
www.ladpw.org/epd/drp

For more information on other recycling programs, visit:

www.888CleanLA.com

The Department of Public Works may provide county departments with recycling bins for paper, beverage containers, and batteries. To request for bins or assistance with recycling, contact Public Works' Environmental Programs Division at:

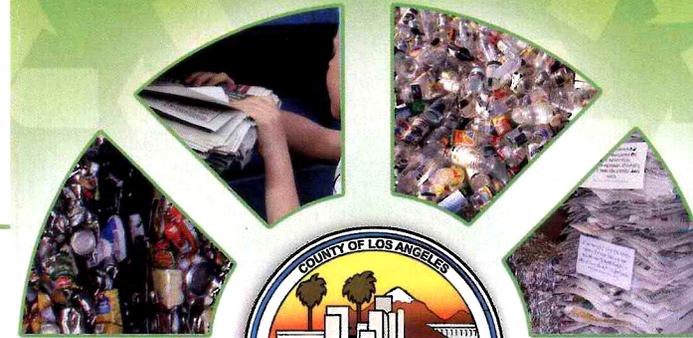
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County Departmental Recycling Program

A Recycling Guide for County Employees



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You are one of 90,000 employees working for Los Angeles County in one of the 1,400 facilities reaching from the Antelope Valley to Marina del Rey. Each employee generates about 17 pounds of trash per day. That's 153,000 pounds per day from County facilities alone!

Los Angeles County is mandated by the State of California to divert 50% of the waste it generates away from disposal into landfills. Employees, businesses, and homeowners are all working together towards fulfilling this ambitious goal.

Each department is assigned a Recycling Coordinator to help you reduce, reuse, and recycle. You can locate your coordinator by going to www.ladpw.org/epd/drp.



The Three R's...

1. REDUCE

The best way to preserve our environmental resources is to reduce the amount of waste generated in the first place.

2. REUSE

Reuse items as many times as you can. Items can be used over again for the same purpose or reused to serve other new and creative functions.

3. RECYCLE

Recycling involves breaking down used items to recreate new ones. After you've reduced and reused, then recycle.



Green Office...In Deed.

Here's what you can do to help make your workplace environmentally friendly:

Paper

- Proofread documents before printing.
- Ask yourself, how many copies do I really need?
- Use both sides of the paper when printing.
- Make scratch pads from used paper
- Use your recycling bin.
- Email documents instead of faxing.
- Store documents electronically on your computer

Tableware

- Bring your own reusable cups, plates and utensils to office functions.
- Avoid using disposable plates and styrofoam cups.
- Place your empty bottles and cans in the recycling bin.

Packaging

- Order products with minimal packaging
- Reuse cardboard boxes.
- Use newspaper as fillers for repackaging.
- Reuse "bubblewrap" for packaging.
- Package your lunch in a reusable container or bag.

Inventory/Purchasing

- Purchase and use recycled-content paper.
- Avoid ordering supplies that will not be readily used.
- Order in bulk and only what you need.
- Order nontoxic products.
- Purchase rechargeable batteries.
- Visit www.lacomax.com to find beneficial material exchange opportunities.