

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2020
**Roadmap to a Sustainable
Waste Management Future**

Beautify Your Home and Garden

Public Works invites you to attend Smart Gardening webinars to learn about backyard and worm composting, water-wise gardening, small space gardening and organic gardening.

Learn how to:

- Nourish your garden with nutrients made by composting yard waste.
- Turn kitchen scraps into a rich fertilizer through worm composting.
- Create small space gardening in your patio or balcony.
- Manage pests without using pesticides.
- Grasscycle to fortify your lawn.
- Landscape with native drought-tolerant plants to attract birds and butterflies while saving water.



These sustainable practices help the environment while beautifying your home and saving you money. They also reduce waste in compliance with State law SB 1383 which aims to cut organic waste and address climate change.

To register for the one-hour webinars, visit Smartgardening.com. Due to the pandemic, Public Works switched over from in-person workshops to webinars.

For more information, contact Katonya Turner at (626) 458-6395 or email smartgardening@pw.lacounty.gov

Suspension of Single-Use Bag Ban Expired

On April 22, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a temporary suspension of the State's single-use bag ban, out of concern that reusable bags brought in by customers could contribute to the spread of COVID-19. However, the suspension expired on June 22.

Beginning in July, Target, Walmart, Ralphs-Kroger-Food 4 Less and Vons-Safeway chains started allowing reusable bags in stores and charging 10 cents for each store bag. These stores require shoppers to bag their own purchases when using reusable bags in compliance with the recent [Cal-OSHA guidelines](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

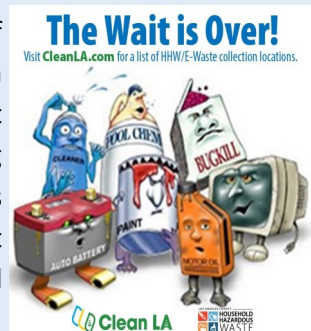
Local and smaller grocery stores may have different reusable bag policies despite the expiration of the single-use bag ban suspension. Shoppers should inquire about bag policies at the store entrances or call in advance. For more information about Cal-OSHA guidelines, visit dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Grocery-Stores.pdf.



The Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste events are back!

The free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) collection events resumed in mid-July with updated COVID-19 safety precautions. Los Angeles County residents can properly dispose of their unwanted HHW/E-Waste, such as paint, solvents, expired medications, chemicals, TVs, computers, sharps waste, car batteries, household batteries, fluorescent lights, etc.

For a complete listing of upcoming collection events and permanent center locations including the City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. Centers, visit CleanLA.com or call (888) CLEAN LA.



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