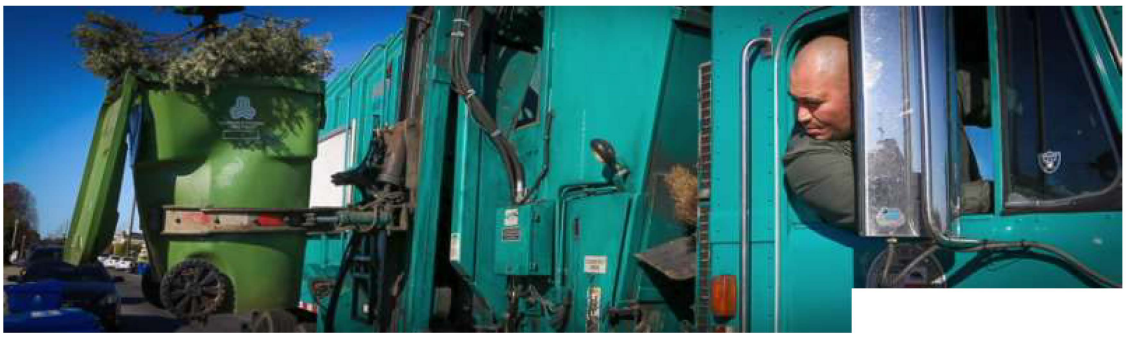
RECYCLING

LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) provides solid resources collection services to 750,000 households, comprised of 530,000 single-family and 220,000 multi-family units (duplex to four-unit buildings). The four-bin collection system consists of blue bins (recyclables), green bins (tree and yard trimmings), black bins (residual waste) and brown bins (horse manure).

LASAN offers bulky item collection to 600,000 multi-family units. Using the calculation methodology adopted by the State of California, the City has achieved a landfill diversion rate of 76.4%. The City recognizes that waste management is a fundamental component of overall environmental sustainability and climate change efforts, and an integral part of the effort to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Zero Waste Progress Report 2013 conducted by the UCLA Engineering Extension's Municipal Solid Waste Management Program reported that the City of Los Angeles has achieved a recycling rate of 76.4%. An additional survey conducted by the UCLA Engineering Extension reported that the City of Los Angeles has the highest recycling rate out of the 10 largest U.S. cities.



PLASTIC STRAWS-ON-REQUEST ORDINANCE

If you have a food and/or beverage establishment in LA, the City's new straw ordinance may affect you. Learn more here.

More about PLASTIC STRAWS-ON-REQUEST ORDINANCE

MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING

Local jurisdictions must implement organic waste recycling programs to divert organic waste generated by businesses.

More about MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY

SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG BAN

10 Years of Reusing Resources to Better Our Future

LARA

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY

The Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA) is a consortium of 18 cities in LA County with the mission to promote environmental responsibility through the reduce, reuse and recycle philosophy.

More about LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY

To help reduce waste and pollution the City of Los Angeles banned plastic carryout bags at certain retailers in the City.

More about SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG BAN

MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Business or public entities that are subscribing to waste collection services or are a multi-family residential property of five or more units are required to have a recycling program.

More about MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

BLUE BIN RECYCLING

LASAN issues blue containers, or bins, for recycling paper, cardboard, cartons, aluminum, tin, metal, cans, glass bottles and jars, clear plastic, plastic containers, plastic bags and miscellaneous

More about BLUE BIN RECYCLING

GREEN BIN RECYCLING

LASAN issues green containers, or bins, for recycling yard trimmings, grass clippings, fruits, vegetables, leaves and branches.

More about GREEN BIN RECYCLING

TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM

LASAN manages several waste tire recycling programs that provide an environmentally preferable opportunity for the City to recycle used/waste tires.

More about TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM

METAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

LASAN collects large metal and household appliances such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners, water heaters and heaters from residents serviced by LASAN.

More about METAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs and divert waste from

More about RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

BRUSH COLLECTION

LASAN offers a once-a-year collection for excess yard trimmings (brush) to all households serviced by LASAN, free of charge.

More about BRUSH COLLECTION

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING

All mixed construction and demolition debris (C and D) material generated within City limits must be taken to City certified C and D waste processors.

More about CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING

MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Los Angeles provides eligible multi-family residential buildings with FREE recycling services.

More about MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Food Waste Diversion Program: In-Sink Pilot

The Food Waste Diversion In-Sink pilot is currently underway in the Westchester neighborhood, using garbage disposals to send food waste through the sewer system to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, diverting it from landfills.

More about Food Waste Diversion Program: In-Sink Pilot

Related Links

Waste Dive: "How Los Angeles is adapting to market changes — with an eye toward Mexico"

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