

# SMART BUSINESS

SmartBusiness Recycling, a publication of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division

## RECYCLING

It doesn't cost. It pays.

### BUSINESS RECYCLING CONSULTANTS *Hard at Work For You*

Businesses in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County have joined the fight to save landfill space by reducing, reusing, and recycling items that would otherwise be thought of as waste. For several years, the County of Los Angeles has offered businesses recycling tips, information, and help through its SmartBusiness Recycling Program. In the last year, the program's Business Recycling Consultants have visited over 935 businesses, and kept approximately 33,000 tons of waste from landfills!

The Business Recycling Consultants are specially trained to make an evaluation of the amount of trash and recyclable material a business generates and — most importantly — provide workable solutions to reduce the business' waste and trash disposal costs. Their work includes identifying the types of materials in a business' trash and assessing their recyclability. All of this is done during a FREE consultation visit to the business.

To receive a free site visit, please call our SmartBusiness Recycling Program hotline at (800)741-9236, or visit our web site ([www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com)) and complete a site visit request form. ♻️

## businessrecycling.com

### Recycling Made Easier

Recycling information is now a mouse click away at the new and improved SmartBusiness Recycling web site ([businessrecycling.com](http://businessrecycling.com)). The site has a new look and has been greatly enhanced. It features a "Recycler Locator" that lets you find recycling companies that accept the materials you want to recycle — searching for and displaying a list of recycling companies in the Los Angeles County region, with address and phone numbers. All you need to do is point and click. Let your computer do the rest.

Also featured on the site are business recycling tip sheets, brochures, and past newsletters. You can use the web site to

request a FREE site visit with one of

our Business Recycling Consultants

if your business is in the

unincorporated area of the

County. You'll also find

links to other helpful

sites like the Los Angeles

County Materials Exchange

Program (LACoMAX),

which is an Internet-based

materials exchange program

featuring listings of available

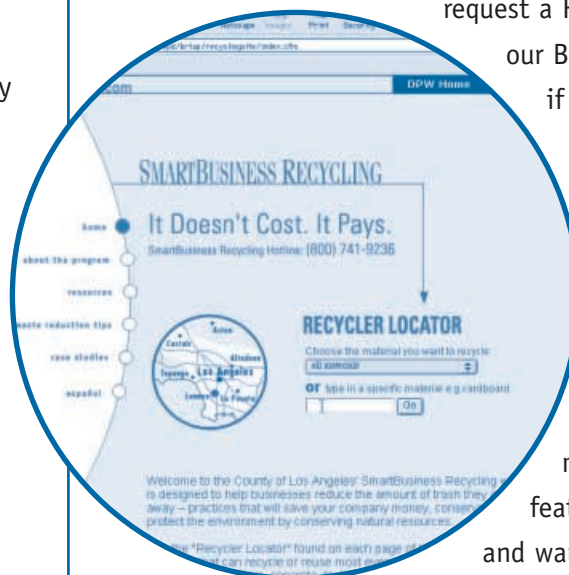
and wanted materials that would

otherwise be discarded. There is no charge

to list materials on the site, and items can be offered free of charge.

Check out [www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com) and learn how your business

can save money while improving the planet. ♻️



FALL  
2001

# Got E-Waste?



# Electronics Recycling

Products that contain electronic components like computers, televisions, stereos, microwaves, etc., are one of the fastest growing material types discarded in the trash. These items fall into the category known as electronic waste, or e-waste. As technology advances, the amount of e-waste disposed of is projected to increase. Many electronic items contain recyclable materials such as plastic, metal, and glass, but they also may have hazardous substances that require special handling.

Fortunately, opportunities for reusing and recycling electronics in the Los Angeles County region are growing. Listed below are companies that accept electronics for reuse or recycling from businesses and private parties. Call first to confirm location, hours of operation, and materials accepted.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLERS

### **Golden West Surplus**

346 American Circle  
Corona, CA 92880  
(909) 340-1501

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and other electronic items accepted.
- ➔ Company refurbishes and resells computers in their showroom.
- ➔ Public can drop off materials Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ➔ Collection services available for large quantities.

### **Goodwill Computer Clearance Center**

848 East Edna Place  
Covina, CA 91724  
(626) 915-4433

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and other electronic items accepted.
- ➔ Organization uses non-working computers for computer repair training.
- ➔ Call (888) 4-GOODWILL for recorded information of a drop-off location near you.

### **HMR Inc.**

19010 S. Vermont Avenue  
Gardena, CA 90248  
(310) 329-3458

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and electronic items accepted.
- ➔ Drop-off hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ➔ Company can provide collection.

### **Hyan International Group**

9170 Las Tunas Drive, Suite B  
Temple City, CA 91780  
(626) 292-7834

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and other electronic items.
- ➔ Company can provide collection for large quantities.

### **L.A. Shares**

3224 Riverside Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
(213) 485-1097

- ➔ Electronics in working condition only.
- ➔ L.A. Shares offers items at no charge to non-profit organizations.
- ➔ Call for a drop-off time, or to arrange for collection of large quantities.

### **Salvation Army**

Call (800) 95-TRUCK for drop-off and collection information.

- ➔ Will accept working computers.
- ➔ No minimum required for computer collection.

### **Santa Monica City Transfer Station**

2401 Delaware Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310) 458-2223

and

### **Santa Monica Community Recycling Center**

2411 Delaware Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310) 453-9677

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and electronics.
- ➔ No collection services
- ➔ Containers for drop-offs are available at both facilities.
- ➔ Call first for hours of operation at City Transfer Station.
- ➔ Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **SoCal Computer Recyclers**

(formerly All Tech Computer Recyclers)  
14311 Cerise Avenue, Suite 108  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 978-2790

- ➔ Working or non-working computers and electronic items accepted.
- ➔ Public can drop-off materials Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ➔ Company can provide collection services. ♻️

# In the Food Business?

## Donating to Food Banks Saves Money

Each year in California, 150 million tons of food is donated by businesses to organizations that help feed the hungry. In addition to helping the hungry, businesses that donate food also save themselves money by reducing their trash disposal costs on food they might otherwise have paid their waste hauler to dispose of. Not to mention that it conserves landfill space and that donations may be tax deductible.

Restaurants, food retailers, food manufacturers, and similar businesses can donate unserved or unsold edible food to regional food banks. Many of the food banks will provide collection at your business location and provide a tax deduction form for the donation. Donations made in good faith are protected from liability under the Good Samaritan Act of 1996. To learn more about donating food under the Good Samaritan Act, visit the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank web site at [www.lafoodbank.org](http://www.lafoodbank.org).

Contact the food banks listed below to see how your business can reduce the amount of food it throws away and reduce its monthly disposal costs at the same time. All of these organizations service the Los Angeles County region and accept prepared and perishable foods, packaged and canned foods, and fresh produce from growers and distributors. For more information on donations, visit the California Association of Food Banks at [www.cafoodbanks.org](http://www.cafoodbanks.org). ♻️

### FOOD BANKS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION

NAME	SPECIFIC INFORMATION
<b><i>Food Bank of Southern California</i></b>	
1444 San Francisco Street Long Beach, CA 90813 (562) 435-3577	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Accepts all quantities of food</li> <li>➔ Drop-off or collection available</li> <li>➔ Service hours: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Los Angeles Regional Food Bank</i></b>	
1734 E. 41st Street Los Angeles, CA 90058 (323) 234-3030 x129 <a href="http://www.lafoodbank.org">www.lafoodbank.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Accepts all quantities of food</li> <li>➔ Drop-off or collection available</li> <li>➔ Service hours: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Westside Food Bank</i></b>	
1710 22nd Street Santa Monica, CA 90406 (310) 828-6016 <a href="http://www.westsidefoodbankca.org">www.westsidefoodbankca.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Accepts all quantities of food</li> <li>➔ Drop-off or collection available</li> <li>➔ Service hours: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</li> </ul>

## Trash to Gas to Electricity: Landfills Can Provide a Valuable Source of Energy

California's energy crisis has spurred creative thinkers to search for innovative new ways to generate electricity. But long before we found ourselves in a desperate hunt for megawatts, some landfills had been tapping their landfills for a plentiful source of energy.

Solid waste, or trash, begins to decompose shortly after being buried in landfills and through decomposition, generates landfill gas. Landfill gas, comprised primarily of methane and carbon dioxide, is captured at all landfills through an extensive piping network to ensure it does not pose a safety and health hazard.

One use of the captured landfill gas can be to indirectly generate electricity. In the mid 1980's, the County Sanitation Districts constructed facilities at three of their landfills to collect the gas to generate electricity. Landfill gas is burned in the plant's boilers to produce superheated steam, which is then used to drive a turbine/generator to generate electric power. Currently, the three gas-to-energy facilities produce approximately 63 megawatts (MW) of electric power, which is enough to light over 88,000 homes. The power is sold to the local utility company, Southern California Edison.

For more information about this unique gas-to-energy program, visit the Sanitation District's web site at [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org).

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts are comprised of special districts serving the wastewater and solid waste management needs of 5.3 million people in Los Angeles County. ♻️

# C&D Recycling Guides Available

Looking for a place to recycle Construction and Demolition Debris? As mentioned on page one, you can find a recycler for C&D by using the "Recycler Locator" feature on our web site [www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com) and clicking on Construction Materials. Or, if you don't have Internet access, you can obtain a list by visiting any one of the Building and Safety Offices of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works listed below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except as otherwise noted.

## Central Office

(open Monday through Thursday  
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

### ALHAMBRA

900 S. Fremont Avenue, 3rd Floor,  
Main Building  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
(626) 458-3177

## District Offices

### ANTELOPE VALLEY

335A East Avenue, K-6  
Lancaster, CA 93535  
(661) 723-4440

### CALABASAS/MALIBU

4111 N. Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
(818) 880-4150

### CARSON

(open Monday through Thursday  
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)  
701 E. Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745  
(310) 952-1766

### EAST LOS ANGELES

5119 E. Beverly Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90022  
(323) 260-3450

### FIRESTONE

7807 S. Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90001  
(323) 586-6541

### LA PUENTE

16005 E. Central Avenue  
La Puente, CA 91744  
(626) 961-9611

### LOMITA/LENNOX

24320 S. Narbonne Avenue  
Lomita, CA 90717  
(310) 534-3760

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

125 S. Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91007  
(626) 574-0941

### SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

23757 Valencia Boulevard  
Valencia, CA 91355  
(661) 222-2940

### SOUTH WHITTIER

13523 Telegraph Road  
Whittier, CA 90605  
(562) 946-1390

### UNIVERSAL CITY

100 Universal City Plaza-MT85 (Trailer)  
Universal City, CA 91608  
(818) 762-6284 

SMARTBUSINESS  
RECYCLING

(800) 741-9236

HOTLINE

Call for recycling information

Upon 72 hours notice, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 S. Fremont Ave.) which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact the Departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SmartBusiness Recycling  
Program Headquarters  
5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2200  
Los Angeles, California 90036

FIRST CLASS PRE-SORT MAIL  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Los Angeles, CA  
Permit No. 32365

