



MANDATORY RECYCLING FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE

Everyone in unincorporated Los Angeles County must do their part to divert organic waste from landfills to reduce our impact on climate change and the environment. That is why the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services. See the page on Mandatory Organic Waste for more information.

UPCOMING EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE

The County is transitioning from a Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise System to an Exclusive System where one waste hauler will be awarded a specific service area. Thus, the mandatory organic waste collection service may not start until the Exclusive System starts, which is anticipated to be around July 2022.

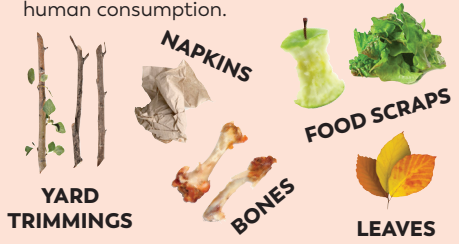
Schools dispose of over 500,000 tons of solid waste in California each year, according to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. The State of California has adopted three laws that make it mandatory for schools to recycle.

SENATE BILL (SB 1383) ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION AND FOOD DONATION

ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION TARGETS

SB 1383 establishes the following targets to reduce methane emissions:

- 75% reduction in statewide organic waste disposal by 2025.
- Not less than 20% recovery of edible food for human consumption.



HOW DOES THIS AFFECT SCHOOLS?

Schools that dispose of edible food **must** arrange for food donation with a local food recovery agency and subscribe to organics recycling services with their waste hauler.

- Identify and implement source-reduction strategies.
- Contact your waste hauler to arrange for organics recycling services.
- Donate food scraps to a local farm.
- Set up on-site organics recycling programs including compost bins, anaerobic digesters and dehydrators.

IDEAS TO PREVENT FOOD WASTE AT YOUR SCHOOL

- Conduct a food waste audit to identify items that are disposed of the most and develop a plan to reduce, recover, or recycle food waste.
- Use free tools such as bins signage, tracking sheets, interactive recycling activities and much more to encourage students to consume their food and recycle food waste.

For resources and more information, visit BusinessRecycling.com



ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 827) SOLID WASTE, COMMERCIAL AND ORGANIC WASTE, AND RECYCLING BINS

As of July 1, 2020, commercial food establishments, including local education agencies, are required to provide bins to customers for collecting organics and recycling alongside trash.

These containers must be placed next to trash containers.



The law requires collection containers to be visible, accessible, and clearly marked.



AB 827 targets schools and school districts that prepare food or sell products meant for immediate consumption.



QUESTIONS?

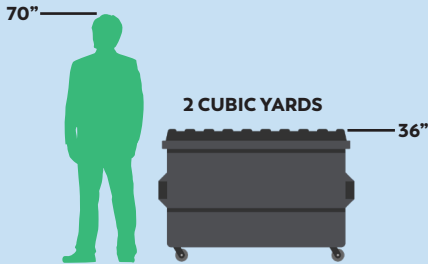
For more information, please call Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Thursday, or e-mail us at CommercialFranchise@pw.lacounty.gov. We also encourage you to visit the Organic Waste Management website periodically for updates.



ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 341) MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING LAW

SCHOOL RECYCLING REQUIREMENT

Schools that generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week **must** arrange for recycling services (most trash dumpsters are 3-4 cubic yards).



HOW TO COMPLY?

- Self-haul recyclables to a processing facility.
- Take waste to a mixed processing facility.
- Contact a third-party recycler to take recyclables.
- Contact your hauler to arrange for 1 FREE cubic yard (or up to two 96-gallon carts) of recycling service per week.



WHAT GOES IN THE RECYCLING BIN

Contact your waste hauler to verify acceptable materials that go into the recycling bin.



TIPS FOR RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION

Place trash, recycling, and organic waste bins together to make recycling easier.



Eliminate single-use containers and reduce single-serve condiments.

NOTE: Subject to COVID-19 protocols.



- Consider setting up a donation and/or exchange program to reduce waste and repurpose reusable items.
- Arrange regular food donation with local food recovery agencies or implement Share Table program to help people in need.

Visit FoodDROPLA.com and PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/eh/LACFRI for more information.



RESOURCES | Visit BusinessRecycling.com for more information on the following:

RECYCLING RESOURCES



Check out available school programs and toolkits at:

Environment Defenders (K- 5th Grades)
EnvironmentalDefendersLA.com

Generation Earth (6th -12th Grades)
GenerationEarth.com



COMPOSTING & VERMICOMPOSTING



Install a **FREE** school garden and receive composting and vermicompost lessons.

To learn more about this service, visit: Smartgardening.com

HAZARDOUS WASTE



Electronics, batteries, paint, lightbulbs, hazardous wastes, solvents, and other items should not be placed in the trash or recycling containers.

For safe and legal disposal options call **(888) CLEAN-LA** or **(888) 253-2652**, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. or visit CleanLA.com.

REQUESTING A CONSULTATION

Request a free on-site consultation. Our staff will assess your current system, make recommendations for complying with the State's requirements, and provide training for your employees.

NOTE: On-site consultations will adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols.



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