

# Waste not. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

If you have any questions, please contact the Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division, at (213) 485-2260.  
Thank you for your participation.

## Types of Businesses we help in assessing waste:

Manufacturers  
Hospitals  
Restaurants  
Retailers  
Department Stores  
Grocery Stores  
Hotels  
Office Buildings  
Motion Pictures & Entertainment Industries  
Clothing  
Printing & Publishing companies  
Law firms  
Many others...

## Please Contact:

Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation  
Citywide Recycling Division  
1149 So. Broadway St., 10th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
[www.LACity.org/san/](http://www.LACity.org/san/)

## Useful Links

[www.lacity.org/SAN/](http://www.lacity.org/SAN/)

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation information on wastewater treatment, recycling, pollution prevention and other topics

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/pubs/bus-guid.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/pubs/bus-guid.htm)

Business guides for reducing solid waste

[www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com)

L.A. County Department of Public Works listing of recyclers throughout Los Angeles County

[www.bottlesandcans.com](http://www.bottlesandcans.com)

California Department of Conservation CRV buy-back center locator

[www.ciwmb.ca.gov/](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/)

California Integrated Waste Management Board home page

[www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Publications/default.asp?cat=1](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Publications/default.asp?cat=1)

California Intergrated Waste Management Board tip sheets for reducing business waste

[www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

Environmental resources on a wide variety of topics

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# Business Waste Assessments

Recycling and Cost Saving  
Technical Assistance

Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle, and  
Buy Recycled



# Waste not. Business Waste Assessments

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The City of Los Angeles is offering free business waste assessments aimed at increasing recycling and reducing waste generated by businesses located in the City of Los Angeles.

In 1989, California law required each City and County jurisdiction to divert 50 percent of its waste stream through recycling and conservation by 2000. To further reduce our dependence on landfills, the Mayor has set a reduction goal of 70 percent by 2015. The participation of our local businesses is essential for the City of Los Angeles to reach this goal. Therefore, recycling technical assistance and waste assessments will be offered by the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation staff.

## FAQs

### Can I save money by recycling?

You potential savings will be tied to the volume of recyclable materials generated by your business. The greater the volume, the greater the potential savings or reduction in costs. Most waste haulers offer rebates for your recyclables depending on the volume. If you recycle enough, you can potentially save money on your monthly trash bill.

### How much do waste assessments cost?

Nothing! The recycling technical assistance and waste assessments are completely free! They are designed to help you identify materials that are recyclable. This may save your business money.

### How can my business participate?

If your business is located within the City of Los Angeles a waste assessor/recycling specialist may contact you. Some businesses have already been randomly targeted to participate. If you would like to participate and have not been contacted you may call (213) 485-2260 to set up an appointment. If your business is not located in the City of Los Angeles you may contact your jurisdiction for information regarding recycling.



### How much time will it take?

Depending on the size of the business and materials generated, it will take approximately one half hour to one hour to review your current recycling and waste diversion activities and/or identify methods to assist in the establishment of waste reduction and recycling programs at your place of business.

### What types of materials are recyclable?

Many materials, including paper, cardboard, glass bottles, many types of plastic and metals, aluminum cans, wood waste, landscape/yard waste, construction and demolition waste are all recyclable. Items such as old office equipment and office furniture as well as a wide variety of commercial and industrial discards are often reusable.

### Will the city pick up my recyclables?

The City is prohibited by City ordinance from picking up commercial waste and recyclables, but we can help you locate private haulers, recyclers or drop-off centers for the recyclables.



### How can I get a container to recycle?

You may first talk to your waste hauler, to inquire about the recycling service they offer. You can also search for another company that deals only with recyclables.

### If I am a tenant in a building, whom do I talk to about recycling?

Talk to property management and ask them about starting a recycling program for the whole building.



### Can I 'recycle' or compost food waste?

Yes, you can, if you operate a restaurant. The City of Los Angeles, offers a food waste program that is provided through a contracted hauler. For more information about this, call (213) 485-2260.

All information collected from your business will remain confidential. Only aggregate numbers will be used for internal analysis purposes and for the preparation of the City's annual report to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.