

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR CEQA DOCUMENTS

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation

COLLECTION and DISPOSAL

The City of Los Angeles collects and manages recycling, green waste, and solid waste from single-family and some small multi-family residences on public streets through collection by City crews. A 1991 Los Angeles City Council action approved a moratorium that prevented new multifamily residences of five units or more from participating in the City's curbside program. Consequently, most condo and apartment complexes are serviced by private waste haulers approved by the Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau) under a permitted hauler system.

If your proposed project consists of commercial or industrial uses, or multifamily residential uses, or is single-family residential but does not open directly onto a public street (i.e., gated communities), you will most likely have to contract for private waste hauling services. A list of all private waste haulers permitted to operate in the City of Los Angeles can be found at http://www.lacity.org/san/solid_resources/pdfs/AB939_List_of_Permitted_Haulers.pdf.

There are no restrictions on either the number of permitted waste haulers or where they operate within the City. The owner or manager may contact any of the permitted haulers and arrange for waste and/or recycling services.

Each hauler contracts directly with the landfill(s) or other waste disposal/recycling facilities to be used. The City does not restrict private haulers' choice of waste disposal.

During demolition and construction activities in the City of Los Angeles, as of January 1, 2011, all contractors are required to source separate materials on site for recycling and/or use a permitted private waste hauler to deliver mixed materials to a certified processor for recycling.

http://www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/recycling/c&d.htm

The City does not own or operate any active landfills, and owns one public transfer station, the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) in central Los Angeles.

http://www.lacitysan.org/srpcd/TS_clarts.htm

The City's Local Enforcement Agency, in the Department of Building and Safety, has permit information for solid waste facilities that includes landfill intake, capacity, daily limits, hours of operation, etc.

<http://ladbs.org/LADBSWeb/environment-permit.jsf>

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is the responsible party for solid waste planning, including landfill capacity.

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/swims/default.asp?showPage=5>

SOLID WASTE GENERATION DATA

The City collects solid waste generation data for each Sanitation District (6 districts – East valley, West Valley, West LA, North Central, South Central, and Harbor can be found at: <http://boemaps.eng.ci.la.ca.us/index01.cfm> or (<http://navigatela.lacity.org/index01.cfm>), and only for the waste the City itself picks up. Data is not broken down into smaller, neighborhood (project-adjacent) units, and does not include large multi-family, commercial, or industrial waste data.

The large size of the districts and the limitation to single-family residential-only-data make this data unsuitable for determining solid waste service demand in the CEQA project area.

IMPACT SIGNIFICANCE

The City prefers that you use the City's CEQA Thresholds Guidelines, which may be found at: http://www.environmentla.org/programs/table_of_contents.htm

ADEQUATE SOLID WASTE SERVICE

Los Angeles County Code, Title 11, Health and Safety, Ch 11.16, Garbage and Other Waste Material: 11.16.020 Sanitation of premises -- Responsibility of owner or agent.

The owner, agent or manager of any premises shall maintain such premises in a clean, sanitary condition, free from accumulations of garbage, rubbish, refuse and other wastes at all times, except as provided by the provisions of this Division 1 or other applicable laws. (Ord. 8588 § 1 (part), 1964; Ord. 7583 Part 3 Ch. 7 § 605, 1959.)

11.16.030 Garbage -- Storage restrictions.

Garbage and putrescible matter, whether mixed with rubbish or other matter or not, shall be kept in watertight receptacles with close-fitting lids and with handles or bails. Such receptacles shall be thoroughly cleaned each time their contents are removed. Such garbage or putrescible material, whether mixed with rubbish or other material or not, shall not be kept for more than seven days. (Ord. 7583 Part 3 Ch. 7 § 601, 1959.)

11.16.060 Rubbish -- Storage restrictions.

A person may deposit and keep, for not more than 15 days, in a substantial and adequate container, combustible and noncombustible rubbish other than garbage and putrescible matter. (Ord. 7583 Part 3 Ch. 7 § 603, 1959.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Los Angeles City Ordinance 171,687, enacted in 1997, mandates that new construction in the City provide certain minimum space for recycling containers. The ordinance can be downloaded from the City Charter, Rules & Codes link on the City's website at www.lacity.org.

Although there are no current policies that require recycling and green waste services at multi-family complexes, the Bureau does offer the opportunity to participate in the Multifamily Residential Recycling Program. This Program offers free recycling services to complexes of five (5) or more units that are currently receiving private trash service, and accepts the same

materials that are accepted in the Bureau's curbside recycling program for single family residences.

The Bureau of Sanitation publishes guides to waste minimization and recycling in residences and several different types of businesses. These guides may be downloaded using the Publications link on the Bureau's website at www.lacitysan.org, or copies may be mailed on request by calling the Bureau's Recycling Hotline at 1-800-773-2489.

CalRecycle also has numerous publications on all aspects of waste prevention and recycling, which may be accessed at www.CalRecycle.ca.gov.