

## **Announcement City of Los Angeles**

### **Food Rescue and Materials Reuse in the new recycLA Franchise Program**

The new recycLA Franchise Program includes Food Rescue and Materials Reuse Programs for commercial businesses and multi-family residents in Los Angeles.

Your Franchise Service Provider (FSP) will provide Green Bin organic material recycling services to all customers that qualify for and request it. Your FSP is also required to establish a Food Rescue Program that will assist in the collection (“rescue”) of edible food, fit for human consumption, and to create or develop the necessary network for delivering the food to those who need it the most.

40% of all food in the United States is wasted; California alone wastes approximately 6 million tons of food a year. With over one million people in Los Angeles County suffering from food insecurity, The Franchise Program’s food rescue effort is an ethical and environmental necessity.

Additionally, food that is disposed as trash is an incredible drain on resources. Nationally one fifth of our fresh water is wasted on crops that go directly to landfills, and one fifth of a typical landfill is filled with wasted food. Each year, organic waste landfilled in California releases approximately 8.3 million tons of greenhouse gases.

Your FSP will also provide resources to assist in the collection of new and/or used goods and materials that can be reused. Examples of reusable materials include manufacturing overages, discontinued or surplus items, and other gently used items (furniture, clothing, appliances, and more).

If you would like to learn more about the services offered in your Franchise Zone, please contact your FSP.

For questions or concerns, contact the LA Sanitation Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489.