

WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

SMART BUSINESS
RECYCLING

Reducing the amount of trash your business creates is the best way to reduce monthly waste disposal costs and improve your company's bottom line. All waste reduction activities — be they waste prevention, reuse, or recycling practices — will help you achieve your goal of reducing the amount you pay for waste disposal and sending less trash to landfills.

Take advantage of the tips listed below to help you reduce your waste.

REDUCE/REUSE

- Purchase and sell foods in bulk (where possible) to encourage customers to buy only what they need and reduce unnecessary packaging.
- Instruct checkers and baggers not to double bag groceries unless necessary.
- For customers with small purchases offer bags instead of automatically providing them.
- Encourage customers to bring their own bags and give a discount for doing so.
- Sell reusable canvas bags to customers for their groceries with an environmental message and your company logo.

TIP SHEET

- Donate unsalable food to organizations that provide food for the needy. For a list of organizations that accept food donations, see the attached **Food Bank table**.
- Repair and reuse shipping pallets, crates, boxes, baskets, and pails.
- Work with suppliers to encourage them to deliver food and other goods in reusable containers that they take back. This practice reduces the need for disposal or even recycling on your part.

RECYCLE

- If your business has large amounts of cardboard, obtain a baler. If your business does not generate enough cardboard to justify a baler, request a bin from your waste hauler or a local recycler.
- If you have recyclable materials in small quantities, consider paying for recycling collection as long as the cost is less than what you pay for waste disposal. Your company will "make money" by reducing its waste disposal costs.
- Recycle food waste including produce trim and cull, spoiled foods, and meat scraps. For a list of companies providing these services, see the attached **Food Waste Recyclers table**.
- Recycle meat by-products, grease, and fat with a rendering company. For a list of companies providing these services, see the attached **Rendering Companies table**.
- Recycle stretch wrap used to secure boxes on pallets. Contact the **SmartBusiness Recycling Program** at (800) 741-9236 for a list of plastic recyclers in Los Angeles County.

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The following table provides a list of food bank organizations that operate in Los Angeles County. In addition to these listed, there are many small food donation programs run by neighborhood worship organizations and other civic organizations not listed in this table. Call first to discuss the particular food items from your business before starting a collection program.*

FOOD BANKS		
Name	Type of Food Accepted	Notes
Angel Harvest 2040 Avenue of the Stars Century City, CA 90067 310/557-7074	Prepared and perishable foods Packaged and canned foods Fresh produce from growers and distributors	Serves all of Los Angeles County Catered events, advertising and entertainment industries, markets, restaurants Minimum 50 pounds per collection Collection only; no drop-off Service hours: 7 days/week 24 hours/day
Food Bank of Southern California 1444 San Francisco St. Long Beach, CA 90813 562/435-3577	Prepared and perishable foods Packaged and canned foods Fresh produce from growers and distributors	Serves all of Los Angeles County Catered events, manufacturers, processors, restaurants and supermarkets Accepts all quantities of food Drop-off or collection available Service hours: Mon-Fri 7 am–3:30 pm
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank 1734 E 41 st St. Los Angeles, CA 90058 323/234-3030 x130	Prepared and perishable foods Packaged and canned foods Fresh produce from growers and distributors	Serves all of Los Angeles County Catered events, manufacturers, processors, restaurants and supermarkets Accepts all quantities of food Drop-off or collection available Service hours: 7 days/week 24 hours/day

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The following table provides a list of companies that provide food waste recycling and collection throughout Los Angeles County. In addition to the list of “materials accepted” there may be other types of food waste that these businesses also collect. Call first to discuss the particular waste materials from your business before starting a collection program.*

FOOD WASTE RECYCLERS	
Name	Materials Accepted
Community Recycling & Resource Recovery 9147 DeGarmo Ave. Sun Valley, CA 91352 818/767-6000	Grocery store waste including produce trim and cull, meats, waxed cardboard boxes, spoiled foods. Operates a transfer station and can provide collection for large quantity generators throughout Los Angeles County. Company charges for collection and drop-off.
Dext Co. 9112 Graham Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90002 323/564-5871	Provides collection of grain-based products, including bakery goods, pasta, noodles, etc. throughout Los Angeles County. Call for current charges or prices paid.
Feed Commodities 1163 Belmont St. Ontario, CA 91761 909/923-3314	Provides collection of grain-based products, including bakery goods, pasta, noodles, etc. throughout Los Angeles County. Call for current charges or prices paid.
Hogg Brothers 13377 Grove St. Ontario, CA 91761 909/947-2821	Provides collection of grain-based products, including bread, tortillas, pasta, noodles, and other foods such as potatoes, onions etc. Also has drop-off location; call for current charges.
Martin Feed & Cattle 7080 Summer Ave. Corona, CA 91761 909/737-6017	Provides collection services of grain-based products, including bread, tortillas, pasta, noodles, and other foods such as potatoes, onions etc. Call for current charges or prices paid.
Standard Feed 13751 South Haven Ave. Ontario, CA 91761 909/947-3738	Provides collection services of grain-based products, including bread, tortillas, pasta, noodles, and other foods such as potatoes, onions etc. Also has drop-off location; call for current charges.
West Coast Recycling 4105 Bandini Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023 323/261-4176	Drop-off location for animal by-products, grease, fat, and bones. Company also can provide collection of food waste to hotels and large food waste generators. Call for current charges.

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The following table provides a list of rendering companies that provide collection of animal by-products and related items throughout Los Angeles County. Call first to discuss the particular waste items and quantities from your business before starting a collection program.*

RENDERING COMPANIES	
Name	Materials Accepted
Baker Commodities 4020 Bandini Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023 800/427-0696 323/268-2801	Collection of animal by-products, fats, and grease. Will provide collection containers; currently charging a one-time \$30 registration fee.
Co-West Commodities 1389 West Mill St. San Bernardino, CA 92410 909/383-8341	Collection of animal by-products, fats, and grease. Will provide containers; currently charging \$20 per pick-up for mixed materials.
Darling International 2626 E 25 th St. Los Angeles, CA 90058 800/882-3600 323/583-6311	Collection of animal by-products, fats, and grease. Will provide collection containers; currently charging new customers.
Frailich Commodities 4020 Bandini Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023 323/265-3477 (same address and location as Baker Commodities, but separate company)	Collection of animal by-products, fats, and grease. Will provide collection containers; call to determine current collection rates.
West Coast Recycling 4105 Bandini Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023 323/261-4176	Drop-off location for animal by-products, fat, and grease. Company also can provide collection of food waste from hotels and large food waste generators.

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