

Los Angeles Unified School District Recycling & Waste Newsletter



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Training Leads to Recycling Success



There are many challenges to overcome in maintaining a smooth recycling program. These challenges can include logistical issues, staff changes, and the need for ongoing training to ensure effective operations. However, Republic Services trainers are available to help. Many schools have strong programs but still schedule refresher training to keep things running smoothly.

Sometimes, participation in recycling programs declines because new staff

members are not familiar with the existing system. The Republic Services trainer can help re-engage staff, demonstrating the proper use of each cart or dumpster, assisting with helpful signage, and offering suggestions for placing containers and posters in classrooms or teacher workrooms to improve the recycling setup.

If your school is interested in scheduling a refresher training or starting a recycling program, contact OEHS. Republic Services trainers can assist with recycling efforts in various areas, including:

- Recycling in classrooms
- Cafeteria recycling
- Mealtime sorting
- Organics recycling
- Special events and community outreach

Disposal Reminders



Some materials, such as bulky furniture, electronics, and liquids, do not belong in the regular recycling and waste carts or dumpsters. If you have items like these to dispose of, please contact the salvage team with Procurement to arrange for the proper collection bins and services.

Also, please don't overload carts or dumpsters. When materials are sticking out of the top of these containers, it is difficult to lift and empty them properly and materials may spill onto the ground. If you regularly have overloaded containers, contact OEHS and request a waste assessment by the Republic Services team. We will help ensure that you have the proper types and sizes of containers.

Recycling in Classrooms

Your Recycling Trainer can help with the setup of containers and recycling posters inside your classrooms. Containers are designed to collect recyclable materials, such as paper, milk cartons, CRV bottles and cans, etc. Recyclables should then be transported to the blue Recycling carts or white Recycling dumpsters located at your school.

Blue recycling bins should be present in every classroom, teacher workroom, conference room and meeting area. Please keep track of your bins as there is a cost to replace them. Your recycling coordinator will help you post signs to remind students and staff what and how to recycle.

Break Down Those Boxes

Please break down and flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes. First, it will save a lot of room in your recycling cart or dumpster. Second, it keeps items from getting caught inside the boxes. At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), Republic Services team members and machines work together to identify and sort materials as they travel rapidly over and through equipment. When other recyclables are inside boxes, they aren't visible and can't be separated by category, leading to contaminated bales of boxes and lost recyclable containers. Thank you for your help!