



City of Bell

Commercial and multifamily guide for
recycling and trash services



Sustainability in Action



Tips for Recycling Mixed Organic Waste

Prevention of Organic Waste Generation

Reducing the amount of organic waste you generate is the first step in minimizing environmental impact. Here are some tips:

- Plan menus and portion sizes to right-size purchases and reduce food scraps.
- Store food properly to extend its shelf life and prevent spoilage.
- Donate excess edible food to local food banks or community programs.

Recycling Organic Waste Options

There are many practical and sustainable solutions for businesses and multifamily properties to recycle organic waste. Contact Republic Services to determine which organic recycling methods best fit your needs, which may include one or more of the following:

- Subscribing to organics recycling service: schedule a waste assessment, and review the appropriate level of service.
- Vermicomposting: use worms to break down food waste into high-quality soil additives.
- Mulching: shred yard trimmings, and spread them around plants to retain moisture and improve soil quality.
- Self-hauling: businesses and multifamily properties may recycle their organic waste at an approved organics facility, provided they meet self-hauling requirements. Contact the City of Bell for additional information on self-hauling and resources.

Sending Organic Waste to Community Composting

There may be local community compost sites or drop-off locations in your area. Check with your local community gardens or non-profit organizations, such as LA Compost (LAcompost.org), for more information.

Mixed Organics

Acceptable Items



Yard Waste



Food Waste



Food-Soiled Paper & Paper Bags



Unacceptable Items



Plastic Bags & Wrap



Recyclables



Hazardous Waste



Fats, Oil & Grease



Trash & Pet Waste



Construction Waste

Recycling

 Ensure all items are empty, clean and dry.

Cardboard/Paper



Plastic



Glass



Metal Cans

Trash



Styrofoam™



Non-Recyclable Plastics



Plastic Bags & Wrap



Garden Hoses



Diapers & Pet Waste



Broken Dishes & Mirrors



Clothing & Bedding



Toys

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste includes items that are toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive. It is illegal and dangerous to dispose of hazardous waste in any of your containers. For safe disposal methods, please contact LA County at **888.CLEAN-LA (888.253.2652)** or visit **CleanLA.com**.



State-Mandated Recycling

In recent years, businesses across the state have made changes in how they dispose of recyclable and organic waste. The effort is driven by state mandates aimed at increasing recycling and reducing harmful environmental impacts. Organic waste includes food, food-soiled paper and yard waste. Organic materials that end up in the landfill decompose, creating methane gas, which is a greenhouse gas emission that negatively contributes to the environment. Recyclables include paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal. These materials can be processed and converted into new items. All businesses are required to recycle their organic waste and recyclable materials. To comply, businesses must subscribe to a recycling and organics program through Republic Services. Tenants and staff then separate their recyclable and organic materials from other waste, and place them in the appropriate container.

Edible Food Recovery

State law requires certain food-generating businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise discard to food recovery organizations. Mandated food donors are designated into two tiers, outlined below.

Tier 1

- Wholesale food vendors
- Food service providers
- Food distributors
- Grocery stores (more than 10,000 square feet)

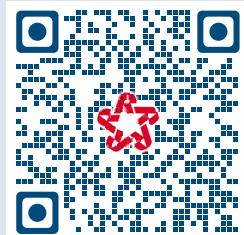
Tier 2

- Hotels (with on-site food facility and 200+ rooms)
- State agency cafeterias (more than 5,000 square feet or 250 seats)
- Health facilities (with on-site food facility and 100 beds)
- Large venues and events
- Restaurant facilities (more than 5,000 square feet or 250 seats)

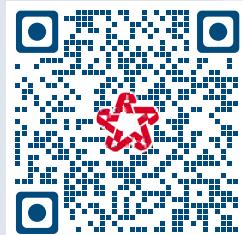
There are many ways your business can donate edible food. For a list of local food recovery organizations, visit RepublicServices.com/municipality/bell-ca under the Additional Resources section.

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