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Los Angeles Convention Center

LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER RECYCLING FACT SHEET

Background:

The Los Angeles Convention Center formally implemented its recycling program in 2000. Prior to 2000, the vast majority of “waste” material which included recyclables was sent to local landfills exclusively for disposal.

In response to State Assembly Bill 939 requiring that all California municipalities divert 50% of all generated waste from landfills by 2000, the Los Angeles Convention Center began exploring various options to divert recyclable material. The City of Los Angeles set an even higher diversion standard of 70% by 2020.

Current Status:

Since 2000, the Los Angeles Convention Center has committed itself to increase diversion at every available opportunity. To date, the LACC recycles the following commodities:

- Paper (all grades)
- Glass, Aluminum, and Plastic beverage containers
- Cardboard
- Toner / Inkjet cartridges
- Scrap Metal / Steel
- Wood
- Pallets
- MRF Commodities (commingled recyclable material)

At each event, the LACC provides our clients and their attendees ample opportunities for recycling whether through roll away bins or permanent recycling containers strategically sited throughout the facility. The Facilities Division prides itself on the progressive steps it has taken over the last 5 years to increase diversion and portray the LACC as an environmental leader in public venue recycling. The success of the recycling program is reflected in the raw diversion statistics of the latest AB939 report for 2004.

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| • Paper (all grades) | 200 tons or 400,000 pounds |
| • Glass | 7.2 tons or 14,1400 pounds |
| • Aluminum / Other metals | 22.36 tons or 44,720 pounds |





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• Plastic	3.59 tons or 7,180 pounds
• Cardboard	58.32 tons or 116,640 pounds
• Wood	119.02 tons or 238,040 pounds
• Pallets	44.09 tons or 88,180 pounds
• MRF Commodities	149.93 tons or 299,860 pounds

Total diverted from Landfills (2004) 604.51 Tons or 1,209,020 Pounds

Future Efforts to Increase Diversion:

In 2005, the Los Angeles Convention Center received two monetary grants to further promote recycling within the facility. The LACC fully understands the current environmental problem of overextended landfill capacity and is firmly committed to promoting recycling as a viable solution.

In 2005, the State of California awarded the LACC a generous amount of \$87,136 to fund operational equipment and streamline recyclable collection. This grant will allow the LACC to purchase additional bins, liners, tilt trucks, and an electric cart all. The aforementioned resources will provide the LACC with the tools it needs to run an efficient and cost effective recycling operation. Through this expansion and increased availability of recycling opportunities, we hope to increase recyclable collection significantly.

In recognition of the LACC's progress, the Bureau of Sanitation also granted \$40,000 in discretionary funds to further promote the recycling program. This funding will be targeted for additional equipment as necessary and to subsidize recycling labor costs.

With a vote of confidence from the State, the Bureau of Sanitation, Executive LACC Management, and Facilities Management, the Los Angeles Convention Center's Recycling Program is quickly developing a reputation within the industry that evokes our motto, "World Class!"

