

Municipal Sustainability Program

Reference Manual

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Sustainability in Carlsbad

The Carlsbad City Council has identified environmental sustainability as a top goal. To achieve this, the city has developed an ambitious plan, known as the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, that will ensure compliance with new statewide environmental regulations as well as additional new local ordinances that will increase sustainable habits across the city. The city's environmental guiding principles include:



Waste reduction and recycling

- Supporting programs that help reduce waste and maximize diversion.
- Setting up programs that make it convenient to properly dispose of all types of waste.



Sound procurement decisions

- Procuring products and services that keep in mind the environmental, social and economic impacts in the region and country.
- Procuring and using recycled materials and products with low carbon footprints where possible.
- Adhering to procurement requirements as mandated by state laws.

Sustainable **Materials** Management **Plan**

Adopted in 2019, the Sustainable Materials Management Plan is a framework to achieve its environmental sustainability objectives that includes:

- Phase 1: Ensure compliance with all state solid waste regulations currently in effect.
- Phase 2: Achieve regulatory compliance with all SB 1383 regulations.
- **Phase 3:** Establish sustainable materials management systems throughout Carlsbad.

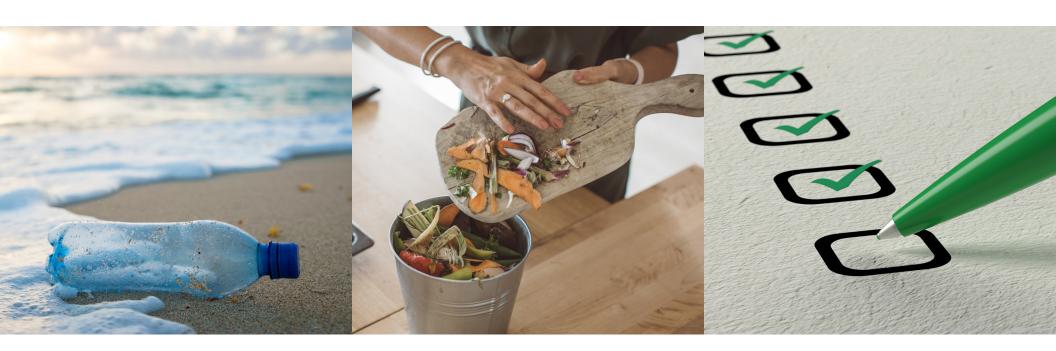
The plan recommends specific actions for all stages of managing materials, including design and production, use and reuse, and end-of-life management.



New State and Local Laws

New state and local laws covering <u>organic waste recycling</u>, <u>edible food recovery</u> (SB 1383) and <u>single-use plastic</u> products are in the process of being phased in across the city. New state law also requires that cities reduce waste through procurement decisions, maintain purchasing and recycling records, and submit reports to <u>CalRecycle</u> on an on-going basis. Cities that do not comply may face a fine of \$10,000 per day per violation.

This manual will help Carlsbad employees understand new state and local laws, the Municipal Sustainability Program, and how you can help support the city's goals and fulfill state mandates.



Ordinance Implementation Timeline



June 2022

Single-use utensils, straws by request only



July 2022

Recycle "organics" (food scraps)



March 2023

Annual department action plan progress reports due for previous calendar year

July 2023



No plastic single-use utensils, foodware, condiments, straws, Styrofoam



No intentional release of balloons



Plastic bag ban for retail stores



No single-use plastic bottles at city facilities and events

July 2024



Plastic bag ban for food establishments











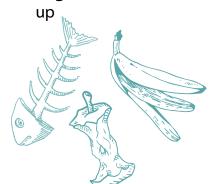
Why it's important

A **single plastic bottle** can live in a landfill or ocean for

450 years



Organic waste makes



nearly

1/2

of everything sent to

landfills



Organic waste produces **methane gas**, which is

84 times



more potent than carbon dioxide

Single-use plastics make up approximately



What does this mean for the city?

In addition to complying with new state and local laws, the city has set ambitious goals to further reduce, reuse and recycle within the City of Carlsbad. Progress toward these goals will be documented to meet city and state reporting requirements.

By 2022

50%

of materials to be reused or contain recycled content 100%

of paper products to contain recycled content 50%*

of paper to contain 100% recycled content 50%

of waste to be diverted from landfill

By 2025

100%

of materials to contain reused or recycled content 100%*

of paper to contain recycled content

75%

of waste to be diverted from landfill



^{*} Every city department must maintain records of any paper purchases for five years, to comply with state mandates.

Municipal Sustainability Program



What is the city doing to meet the new laws?

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Conducting department sustainability assessments with department directors and an outside consultant to develop department action plans included in the Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

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Conducting facility assessments with facility liasons to review service levels and establish the city's new organics compost program

3

Establishing a Sustainability Working Group made up of department-appointed sustainability ambassadors

4

Hosting introduction meetings with facility liaisons and sustainability ambassadors to review facility assessments and department action plans

5

Training city staff to support department action plan implementation within each department, and educating staff about reporting requirements and what is expected of them as city employees

Department Roles



What's expected of department directors?

- Lead their department by example
- Appoint and maintain a sustainability ambassador for their department
- Ensure employees understand new sustainability initiatives and procurement policies
- Monitor employee sustainability training progress
- Comply with department action plan
- Document and report on progress toward department action plans for city and state reporting requirements



What's expected of a sustainability ambassador?

- Demonstrates an interest in promoting environmental sustainability leadership
- Champions and promotes colleague compliance with new initiatives
- Attends the quarterly Sustainability Working Group meetings
- Reports out sustainability news and updates within the department
- Supports the department director in documenting and reporting on department action plan progress for city and state reporting requirements

What's expected of the Sustainability Working Group?

- Supports department action plan implementation
- Reviews materials for education and reporting purposes
- Monitors department actions plans
- Shares updated sustainability information with sustainability ambassadors
- Oversees department action plan annual reporting to meet city and state requirements

How to do your part



REDUCE

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

- Bring a reusable water bottle to work
- Keep or carry a set of reusable food utensils at the office or facility for eating
- Educate vendors, contractors and partners of sustainability policies
- Minimize packaging from vendors
- Set all printer defaults to double-sided
- Think before you print
- Digitize as many department processes as possible



REUSE

USE AND REUSE

- Purchase reusable, recycled and post-consumer office products
- Source refurbished technology
- Set up a department office supply reuse and exchange station
- Consider secondhand product options
- Donate used items per the city's donation policy
- Be creative, and reuse whenever possible



RECYCLE

END OF LIFE MANAGEMENT

- Sort lunch or snack food scraps into facility kitchen caddy
- Recycle Right and know what goes where
- Share recycling and composting information with employees
- Ensure recyclable materials are empty, dry and loose when placed in a bin

Department Action Plans

Each department has a specific action plan that defines department-specific reportable requirements and goals. Please click on a department below to be taken to the custom action plan.

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CITY HALL

City Clerk, City Attorney, Communications and Engagement, Intergovernmental Affairs

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

	Purchase products and services aligned with environmentally preferable purchasing policies.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Purchase paper products with 30% minimum postconsumer recycled content.
	Require third party printing services to use 30% minimum recycled content (e.g., mailers).
	To the extent feasible, have printed paper products purchased by the Purchasing Department, and all janitorial paper products purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383 (effective January 1, 2022).
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.



City Clerk, City Attorney, Communications and Engagement, Intergovernmental Affairs

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention			
Encourage digital outreach over print marketing.			
Continue to provide electronic access to many public records.			
Expand the permissibility of electronic signatures for city functions.			
Require digital-only outreach for city internal events.			
Expand types of public records that can be accessed electronically.			
Increase public education regarding what election information can be received electronically.			
Encourage electronic signature use when permissible.			
Require digital-only outreach for events for less than 25 attendees.			
Default public education and outreach to electronic forms.			
Require electronic signature use when permissible.			
eusable materials			
eusable materials			
Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new.			
Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.			
Establish dedicated space for office supplies reuse exchange.			
Expand and/or digitize office supplies reuse exchange.			



City Clerk, City Attorney, Communications and Engagement, Intergovernmental Affairs

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

- \square Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- $\hfill \Box$ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Re	ecycled paper products
	Require paper products to be minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.
	Require printing services to print on minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.
	To the extent feasible, have printed paper products to be centrally purchased by the Purchasing Department, and janitorial paper products to be purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REUSE – Use and Reuse

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Ш	Provide options for electronic submissions for some permit applications and other submittals.
	Continue to default to double-sided print.
	Expand the types of submittals that can be processed electronically, such as construction waste management plans and receipts.
	Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
	Enable all submittals to be processed electronically, that are legally permitted to be paperless submissions.
	Expand incentives for paperless submittals.
	Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
	Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.
Re	eusable materials
	Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new, when feasible.
	Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
	Establish dedicated space for office supply reuse exchange.
	Expand and/or digitize office supply reuse exchange.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

- ☐ Continue to ensure CALGreen requirements for waste receptacle enclosure space are met during initial plan review and site inspection.
- ☐ Update engineer design standards for outdoor enclosures to accommodate trash, recycle, and organics containers (presume organics containers will be same size as trash & recycle).
- ☐ Continue to ensure CALGreen requirements for C&D debris diversion are met for construction projects.
- \square Continue to ensure WELO requirements are met during plan review and site inspection.
- ☐ Maximize utilization of compost/mulch that city has procured.
- \square Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- \square Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
- ☐ Prepare guidelines and bulletins that may include the following:
- Recommendations for providing adequate space for paired trash, recycling, and/or organics interior receptacles
- Recommendations for outdoor waste enclosures on accessibility, security, etc.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

Ш	environmentally preferable purchasing policies and CALGreen.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	To the extent feasible, have receive direction on paper purchasing from Purchasing Department direction, and
	all janitorial paper products to be purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department.
	Purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Require vendors providing printing services to utilize minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION

REDUCE – Design and Production

Recovered organic waste

- ☐ Continue to verify that compost and mulch specifications for city projects comply with engineering's SB 1383 specifications.
- ☐ Continue to verify that city projects utilize compost and mulch where specified and feasible.

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention

- ☐ Continue to verify and check city project compliance with contract requirements as it relates to Waste Management Plan requirements and maximize C&D diversion.
- ☐ Continue to verify and check city project compliance with contract requirements as it relates to Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO).
 - ☐ Continue to default to double-sided print.
- ☐ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
- ☐ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
- ☐ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies

Reusable materials

- \Box Continue to verify city project compliance with specified use of reused or salvaged materials.
- ☐ Continue to search for used items through city auction portal and secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new.
- ☐ Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
- ☐ Establish dedicated space for office supplies reuse exchange.
- \square Expand and/or digitize office supply reuse exchange.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION

RECYCLE

Recycling and organic waste collection

- ☐ Continue to check compliance with the latest CALGreen requirements for designing for accessible areas for recycling and organics.
- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

	Continue to compile annual diversion data and evaluate levels of contamination at city buildings.
	Continue to produce customizable template trash, recycling, and organics signage for internal city use.
	Continue to provide technical assistance to departments.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
	Expand educational resources and programming on sustainable materials management.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Support Purchasing, Fleet & Facilities, and other departments in consolidating paper product purchases.
	Purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Require vendors providing printing services to utilize minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

REDUCE – Design and Production

Recovered organic waste

☐ Maximize utilization of compost and mulch made from organic waste that comply with SB 1383 specifications in roadway erosion control, bioremediation, stormwater management, and other relevant applications.

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention

	Continue to provide technical assistance to city government departments to improve material reuse practices.
	Continue to search for used items through city auction portal and secondhand vendors.
	Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
	Establish dedicated space for building reuse exchange.
	Expand and/or digitize building reuse exchange.
Re	eusable materials

- ☐ Continue to provide technical assistance to city government departments to improve waste prevention practices.
- ☐ Continue to default to double-sided print.
- ☐ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
- ☐ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
- ☐ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

Continue to periodicall	v update city	v departments on	recycling and c	organics collection information.

- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Provide trash, recycling, and organics signage with text and imagery customized for each department's most frequently disposed items.
- ☐ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

FINANCE

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

Ш	Expand Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Continue to purchase 30 - 100% recycled content paper.
	Continue to give a 15% price preference to recycled content products.
	Record and report on recycled content paper purchases as required by Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Increase price preference given to recycled content products.
П	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council certified

FINANCE

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention
□ Continue to default to double-sided print.
\square Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
☐ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
☐ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.
Reusable materials
\square Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new, as feasible.
\square Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
\square Include incentives and/or price preference for product options that are reused and/or reusable.
\square Establish dedicated space for building reuse exchange.
☐ Expand and/or digitize building reuse exchange.

FINANCE

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

- \square Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle and organics collection.
- $\hfill \Box$ Check with Sustainable Materials Management staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

FLEET & FACILITIES – SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

Ш	Continue to utilize high intensity LED lights as a substitute for flares.	
	Continue to purchase reusable rubber bullet traps.	
	Continue to reuse training flash bangs during routine training events. Recycle steel and aluminum housings when applicable.	
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.	
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.	
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.	
	Purchase from preferred vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.	
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FLEET & FACILITIES – SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

REUSE – Use and Reuse

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FLEET & FACILITIES – SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

Continue to recycle metals (steel, brass, etc.).
Enable facility renters to request extra organics, recycling, and trash containers for large training events.
Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
Identify if old clothing and equipment can be recycled (gloves, boots, jackets, etc.).
Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
Provide facility users (including outside groups) with information regarding what materials can be brought in and discarded, and sorting rules.
Include list of preferred/suggested vendors to outside groups using the facility.

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Sustainable materials

FLEET
\square Continue to utilize renewable diesel.
\Box Purchase minimum 70% recycled content lubricating oils and antifreeze, as recommended by the State of California's green purchasing guideline
FACILITIES
\square Purchase cleaning products that are Green Seal certified or EcoLogo certified where possible.
\square Ensure all coffee/tea packaging is recyclable or compostable.
\Box Purchase minimum 70% recycled content lubricating oils and antifreeze, as recommended by the State of California's green purchasing guideline
\square Continue to purchase self-tear or half sheet paper towels.
\square Continue to ensure janitorial contractors align with in-house janitorial requirements.
ALL DEPARTMENTS
□ Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
\square Purchase rechargeable batteries.
\square Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
☐ Purchase from preferred vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.

REDUCE – Design and Production

Recycled paper products

FACILITIES

Purchase 30% recycled content janitorial and print paper products when cost competitive. Save purchasing records for state
reporting requirements.

☐ Require janitorial and print services to purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products.

☐ Purchase 50-100% recycled content janitorial paper products.

☐ Purchase FSC certified janitorial paper products. Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention

FLEET

☐ Continue to utilize reusable microfiber cloths for wiping surfaces.

FACILITIES

 \Box Continue to repair/replace parts when feasible.

☐ Reuse or repair furniture as feasible. Check with furniture manufacturers for takeback programs. .

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Reusable materials

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Recycling and organic waste collection

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	Continue to recycle at minimum the following vehicle-related materials: motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters, tires, mixed metal.		
FA	CILITIES		
	Accompany every trash bin with a recycle bin.		
	Include at least one organics bin in every break room and kitchen.		
	Replace interior bins at the end of their useful life according to the following color requirements: trash (gray or black), recycle (blue), compost (green).		
	Label every bin with "trash", "recycle", or "organics" in coordination with SMM staff that requires relabeling or is unlabeled.		
	Include at least one organics bin in every room in which food is permitted.		
	Include on signage images of common items placed in each bin.		
	Switch from deskside to all centralized waste bins.		
	Use shadow boxes with physical examples of commonly discarded items at high-traffic waste receptacles.		
AL	L DEPARTMENTS		
	Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.		
	Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.		

HUMAN RESOURCES

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REDUCE – Design and Production

Ш	preferable purchasing policy.
	Continue to purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Continue to purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Continue, to the extent feasible, to have all printed paper products centrally purchased by the Purchasing Department, and
	all janitorial paper products purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Continue to purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Require vendors providing printing services to utilize minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

HUMAN RESOURCES

VV	waste prevention					
	Continue to provide employee manual digitally.					
	Continue to default to double-sided print.					
	Provide all employment forms digitally.					
	Provide Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) staff with an opportunity to present or provide a recorded video on sustainable materials management during employee onboarding.					
	Provide SMM staff with an opportunity to integrate sustainable material management training for all employees into new hire program.					
	Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.					
	Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.					
	Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.					
Re	eusable materials					
	Continue to search for used items through city exchange portal and secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new.					
	Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.					
	Establish dedicated space for office supplies reuse exchange.					
	Expand and/or digitize office supplies exchange.					

HUMAN RESOURCES

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Update employee onboarding educational resources to include latest recycling rules. Update recycling rules as needed by meeting with SMM staff yearly.
- \square Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
- ☐ Provide annual "refresher" training or resources on sustainability best practices to all employees.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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REDUCE – Design and Production

	Purchase products and services aligned with the city's environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
	Continue to utilize an asset management system that can track whether electronics have been idle and redistribute them to staff who can utilize them.
	Purchase remanufactured, refilled, or high-yield ink and toner.
	Purchase and track quantity of recycled content electronics (e.g., recycled content plastic casing, recycled content metal).
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Waste prevention					
☐ Continue to set up printers with a default to double-sided print.					
☐ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.					
☐ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.					
☐ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.					
Reusable materials					
Continue to ensure all printer ink and toner is remanufactured, refilled, or recycled.					
\Box Continue to ensure all electronics are collected by a CalRecycle approved recycler for remanufacturing or recycling.					
☐ Continue to donate all usable electronics taken out of use.					
\square Continue to search for used items through city auction portal and secondhand vendors.					
\square Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.					
\square Establish dedicated space for building reuse exchange.					
☐ Expand and/or digitize building reuse exchange.					

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- $\hfill \square$ Expand accessibility of electronics and/or printer ink recycling collection.
- ☐ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

INNOVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

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	to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase minimum 30% recycled content paper products.
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INNOVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

W	Waste prevention					
	Continue to link to digitized Green Business Program education materials.					
	Continue to default to double-sided print.					
	Continue to provide businesses with information on the benefits of Sustainable Materials Management (e.g., cost savings, aligning with community business norms).					
	Share with businesses an inventory of the resources Carlsbad has to provide to support business's SMM efforts (e.g., technical assistance).					
	Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.					
	Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.					
	Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.					
Re	eusable materials					
	Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new, as feasible. Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.					
	Establish dedicated space for building reuse exchange.					
	Expand and/or digitize building reuse exchange.					

INNOVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Share information on SMM-related environmental regulations and policies with business community, such as SB
1383 organics collection (service starting July 1, 2022) and edible food donation requirements for certain types of
businesses (e.g., grocery stores).

- Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Continue to share SMM information with business community.
- $\hfill \Box$ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
- $\ \square$ Create metrics and recognition for local businesses with outstanding SMM practices.

LIBRARY & CULTURAL ARTS

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Department Action Plan Checklist

REDUCE – Design and Production

Ш	Purchase product and services aligned with city's environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
	Require printing services to print on minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.
	Collaborate with on-site café to encourage reusable and compostable service ware options.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Require paper products to be minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.
	Require printing services to print on minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.
	To the extent feasible, have printed paper products to be centrally purchased by the Purchasing Department, and janitorial paper products to be purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

LIBRARY & CULTURAL ARTS

W	Waste prevention					
	Continue to default printers to double-sided printing.					
	Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.					
	Provide a digital and/or audio guide option for gallery visitors, as an alternative to pamphlets.					
	Expand practice of removing laminated book covers for books that cannot be reused, to enable pages to be recycled.					
	Provide public educational resources and programs that incorporate sustainable materials management at art gallery.					
	Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.					
	Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.					
Re	eusable materials					
	Search for used items through secondhand vendors prior to purchasing new, as feasible.					
	Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.					
	Continue to promote e-book options for patrons.					
	Use reusable containers for interlibrary book transport.					
	Establish dedicated space for office supplies exchange.					
	Expand and/or digitize building office supplies exchange.					

LIBRARY & CULTURAL ARTS

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

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- ☐ Review information on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Recycle CDs and DVDs removed from circulation.
- \square Continue to direct end-of-life furniture to facilities department.
- ☐ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
- ☐ Expand special material recycling drop-off offerings for public.

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REDUCE – Design and Production

Ш	Continue to require contractor takeback, repurposing, recycling, or proper disposal for artificial turf replacements.
	Continue to use greener pesticides and herbicides as part of IPM.
	Purchase sports equipment made from recycled content when available for camps, aquatic centers, and sports fields.
	Continue to utilize recycled content for artificial turf.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.
	$Incentivize\ or\ require\ salvaged/recycled\ content\ material\ use\ for\ landscaping\ structures\ and\ hardscapes\ (e.g.,\ recycled\ aggregate)$
	for retaining walls, benches, and walkways).
	Purchase playground equipment made from recycled content when available.
	Continue to consider utilization of bio-based materials for artificial turf (e.g., coconut husks).
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
П	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging

REDUCE – Design and Production

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Recovered organic waste

Ш	Maximize utilization of compost and mulch made from organic waste that comply with SB 1383 specifications.
	Update landscaping contracts to utilize compost and mulch from city instead of procuring separately.
	Coordinate with golf course contractor to utilize compost for landscaping and as erosion control.
	Continue to implement an Integrated Pest Management plan. The IPM program should be compliant with LEED green
	building standards.

W	aste prevention	
	Continue to offer reusable dishware and silverware for meals at Senior Center.	
	Continue to search for used items through city auction portal and secondhand vendors.	
	Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.	
	Establish practices for reusing office supplies between staff.	
Re	eusable materials	
	Continue to require golf course contractor to implement waste reduction efforts at golf course restaurant.	
	Continue to minimize discards from leftover food at Senior Center, Early Ed and Pre-K sites.	
	Continue to default to double-sided print.	
	Minimize discards at Senior Center lunch service (e.g., encourage patrons to take their leftovers home, increase organics bins convenience and availability).	
	Utilize compostable or reusable cups, plates, and napkins for snacks and meals at Early Education and Pre-K sites.	
	Train parent-helpers in Early Education programs on best practices for waste prevention and proper sorting.	
	Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.	
	Continue to reduce plant debris generated by selecting plants that can grow to natural size in space provided.	
	Expand digital guide offerings for historic parks, trails (e.g., QR code)	
	Continue to prioritize native plant landscaping.	
	Provide resources and education to families of students attending summer camps, early education, and pre-k programs on zero-waste lund and snack options.	:h
	Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.	
	Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.	

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Continue to update special event permit application to ensure compliance with trash, recycling, and organics collection, as well as edible food recovery requirements.
Confirm that special event permit applicants have planned for adequate trash, recycling, and organics collection prior to granting permits; educate applicants about hauler services available.
Provide facility renter source separation training for facility renters.
Continue to recycle all landscape debris and maintain records of weights recycled.
Provide a public recycling receptacle next to each trash receptacle (twinning) and vice versa with signage.
Provide public waste receptacles in consistent colors and shapes.
Require public receptacle collection contractor to provide recycling and disposal weights for all collections for SB 1383 compliance.
Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
Enable facility renters to request additional temporary trash, recycling, and organics bins.
Incentivize or require grass-cycling (leaving clippings in place to decompose after mowing).
Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
Provide a public organics receptacle next to each recycle and trash bin with signage in areas surrounding food service spaces (e.g., outside Senior Center cafeteria).
Provide facility rental agreement that describes what materials can be brought in and discarded.
Include list of preferred/suggested vendors in facility rental agreement.
Procure recyclable (e.g., metal) and/or recycled content receptacles to replace receptacles going out-of-use. Divert receptacles from landfill whenever possible

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire, Police

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REDUCE – Design and Production

☐ Continue to purchase reusable flares.
☐ Continue to purchase reusable flash bangs.
☐ Procure lead-free ammunition.
☐ Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
☐ Purchase rechargeable batteries.
☐ Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
☐ Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Recycled paper products
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire, Police

Waste prevention
☐ Continue to default to double-sided print.
☐ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
☐ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
\square Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.
Reusable materials
☐ Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors where feasible.
☐ Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
☐ Continue to donate or recycle used fire hoses.
☐ Utilize and encourage reusable water bottles for employee consumption.
☐ Establish dedicated space for office supplies reuse exchange.
☐ Continue to utilize reusable bags for evidence storage.
☐ Expand and/or digitize office supplies reuse exchange and spack ontions

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire, Police

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
Enable facility renters to request additional temporary trash, recycling, and organics bins.
Identify if old clothing and equipment can be recycled (gloves, boots, jackets, etc.).
Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
Maximize recycling of specialty equipment (e.g., gas tanks, spray cans, confidential textiles, gas mask cartridges) as feasible.
Recycle body armor through state program or other program:
https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Find-EPP-Goods-and-Services/Safety/Protective-Wear.

TRANSPORTATION

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REDUCE – Design and Production

Ш	ose waterborne acrylic traffic line paint over oil-based paints where applicable.
	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized for purposes.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Purchase paper products with 30% minimum postconsumer recycled content.
	Require printing services to use 30% minimum recycled content.
	To the extent feasible, have printed paper products purchased by the Purchasing Department, and all janitorial paper products purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
П	Purchase paper products that are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified

TRANSPORTATION

REDUCE – Design and Production

Recovered organic waste

☐ Maximize utilization of compost and mulch made from organic waste that comply with SB 1383 specifications in roadway erosion control for right-of-ways.

REUSE – Use and Reuse

Waste prevention

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- ☐ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use.
- Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer.
- ☐ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.

Reusable materials

- ☐ Continue to prioritize purchasing used items where feasible over new items, for example through city auction portal, secondhand vendors.
- ☐ Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded.
- ☐ Continue to have dedicated space for employees to exchange reusable supplies.
- ☐ Continue to utilize reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) and recycled asphalt concrete (RAC) where feasible.
- ☐ Recycle aggregate (concrete, asphalt) removed from roadways.
- ☐ Utilize alternative road materials with recycled or reused material where feasible
- $\hfill \square$ Expand and/or digitize dedicated space for employees to exchange supplies.

TRANSPORTATION

RECYCLE - End of Life Management

- \square Continue to comply with the latest CALGreen requirements.
- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- $\ \square$ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.

UTILITIES

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REDUCE – Design and Production

	Purchase refillable pens and dry erase markers.
	Purchase rechargeable batteries. Currently, single use batteries are being utilized.
	Purchase bio-based or recycled content packaging materials.
	Purchase from preferred vendor(s) who minimize packaging and/or utilize recycled packaging.
Re	ecycled paper products
	Purchase paper products with 30% minimum postconsumer recycled content.
	Require printing services to use 30% minimum recycled content.
	To the extent feasible, have printed paper products purchased by the Purchasing Department, and all janitorial paper products purchased by the Janitorial Department or Purchasing Department, to reduce the recordkeeping time required for state reporting requirements such as Senate Bill 1383.
	Purchase envelopes without plastic windows to ensure the envelopes are recyclable.
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UTILITIES

REDUCE – Design and Production

Recycled paper products
 Continue to enable online utility payment. Maximize utilization of compost and mulch made from organic waste that comply with SB 1383 specifications in erosion control, bioremediation, stormwater management, landscape restoration from construction project, and other relevant applications. Expand educational resources for mulching and utilizing compost. Expand educational resources for extending drainage pipe life (e.g., items that shouldn't go down drain).
REUSE – Use and Reuse
Waste prevention
 □ Continue to default to double-sided print. □ Provide reminder signage to reduce printer paper use. □ Provide "scratch paper" bin next to printer. □ Digitize office functions that would otherwise require office supplies.
Reusable materials
 □ Continue to search for used items through secondhand vendors before purchasing new. □ Continue to reuse or recycle construction materials (pavement, concrete, soil etc.). □ Add specifications for where contractors are permitted to transport reusable/recyclable materials. □ Continue to follow city donation policy for items to be discarded. □ Establish dedicated space for building reuse exchange. □ Expand and/or digitize building reuse exchange.

UTILITIES

RECYCLE – End of Life Management

- ☐ Review bin signage on acceptable materials for landfill, recycle, and organics collection.
- ☐ Check with SMM staff for the most up-to-date recycling information.
- ☐ Continue to maximize scrap metal recycling (e.g., fire hydrants)

Facility Assessments

Each city facility underwent an assessment to understand opportunities to align and improve their recycling and waste management practices with city requirements and goals. **Please click on the facility below to view individual assessment**.

Facility Locations

Arts Office/Sculpture Garden Carlsbad Learning Center

City Hall

Cole Library

Dove Library

Faraday

Fleet

Pine Avenue Community Center

PD Headquarters

Safety Training Center

Streets/Facilities Maintenance

Water District

Parks & Recreation Facilities

Alga Norte Park

Aviara Park

Calavera Park

Harding Community Center

Holiday Park

Leo Carrillo Ranch

Magee Park

Monroe Swim Complex

Parks Maintenance

Poinsettia Park

Senior Center

Stagecoach Park

Fire Stations

Fire Station # 1

Fire Station #3

Fire Station # 4

Fire Station # 5

Fire Station # 6

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Additional Resources

Please click a topic to link to more resources or to learn more.



Information Materials

Digital Flier – Organics composting

Digital Flier - What goes where / recycling

Digital Flier - Special Events

Poster – What goes where / recycling

Poster – How to do your part



More Information

City of Carlsbad Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan

City of Carlsbad Sustainable Materials Management Plan

City of Carlsbad – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle website

Republic Services website



Laws

Senate Bill 1383 Assembly Bill 1276