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Santa Monica Community Recycling Center Closure Effective June 15, 2019 Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is happening to the Buyback Center?

A: The Santa Monica Community Recycling Center, commonly known as the Buyback Center, located at 2411 Delaware Avenue will close effective June 15, 2019, until further notice. The drop-off recycling area outside of the Buyback Center will also close effective June 15, 2019.

Q. Will the Buyback Center re-open?

A: There is no immediate plan to re-open the Buyback Center at the Delaware Avenue location or another location in Santa Monica at this time. The City is actively considering alternative options.

Q: Why is the Buyback Center closing?

A: The City of Santa Monica's contract with Allan Company, the operator of the Buyback Center, was not renewed by City Council. This means in the foreseeable future separation of Santa Monica's recyclable materials will occur off-site. Staff will return to City Council this Fall with a recommendation about how to move forward with a long-term approach to provide recycling services, including potential Buyback Center options. All curbside recycling collections will continue without interruption to our customers and the City remains fully committed to our Zero Waste goals.

Q: Should I continue to recycle?

A: Yes. The City continues to be committed to recycling and you should, too. There is no change to the City of Santa Monica's curbside recycling collection. Santa Monica residents are strongly encouraged to continue to place clean recyclables, including empty California Refund Value (CRV) bottles and cans, into their recycling containers. Items that do not belong in the recycling containers, such as pizza boxes that still have food inside or half-full yogurt cups, may contaminate the rest of the recyclables



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and contaminated recyclables are sent to landfills. So please do your part and recycle the right way. Visit www.smgov.net/r3 to learn more.

Q: Will everything being placed in the recycling containers, which are typically blue, continue be recycled?

A: Yes. There is no impact to the City's curbside recycling collection for residential and commercial customers. The City continues to collect and process all recyclables from the recycling containers as usual.

Q: Where do the recyclables go after I place them in my recycling containers?

A: Items placed in the recycling containers are collected by the City and delivered to a recyclable materials company for sorting and processing before the valuables are sold and repurposed for further manufacturing uses.

Q: Where do I go to redeem items that have California Refund Value (CRV), such as cans and bottles, for cash?

A: Customers who want to redeem their CRV bottles and cans for cash can bring their items to the nearest redemption centers at the following locations:

- Cheviot Hills – rePlanet Recycling Center at Von's, 9860 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034
- Culver City – rePlanet Recycling Center at Ralphs, 10772 Jefferson Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

Q: What should I do with electronic waste (e-waste) and household hazardous waste?

A: Three easy solutions:

1. All Los Angeles County residents can bring their e-waste and other hazardous household materials to a S.A.F.E. collection center. The closest S.A.F.E. collection center is located in West Los



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Angeles near UCLA. Visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw for details. Addresses and opening hours are listed under "Permanent Centers."

2. If you are a Santa Monica resident, attend an e-waste collection and paper shredding event, which is hosted by the City four times a year. The next event is scheduled for July 27, 2019. Call (310) 458-2223 for details.
3. If you are a Santa Monica resident, call (800) 714-1195 or complete an online request form at www.stericycleenvironmental.com/santa-monica to schedule a free pickup from your home.