

# OrganicsLA: City of Los Angeles Organic Waste Recycling Program

LA Sanitation & Environment

Presented to: Mar Vista Community Council



# Solid Waste Management

City of Los Angeles: 4 million residents



~750,000 Single-family homes,  
small multifamily complexes (<4-units),  
and City facilities

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~65,000 medium & large multifamily  
complexes, condo buildings, and  
commercial businesses

# LA Sanitation & Environment - Curbside Services

- ❑ LASAN's curbside services include:
  - ❑ **Blue-Bin** for recyclables
  - ❑ **Green-Bin** for organics
  - ❑ **Black-Bin** for refuse
  - ❑ **Brown-Bin** for horse manure
- ❑ LASAN provides free repair of damaged containers.
- ❑ SRF-paying customers are also eligible for:
  - ❑ Manual collection
  - ❑ Annual brush collection
  - ❑ Move in/out collection



# LA Sanitation & Environment - All Customers

- ❑ **All LA residents** can make the following service requests:
  - ❑ Unlimited Bulky Item Collection
    - Furniture, electronics, mattresses, appliances, etc.
  - ❑ E-waste collection
  - ❑ Dead Animal Collection
  - ❑ Christmas Tree Collection (seasonal)
- ❑ Household Hazardous Waste can be brought to our **SAFE Centers**
  - paints, oil, electronics, etc.
- ❑ Tires can be brought to our drop-off events



# OrganicsLA Curbside Program

- ❑ Residents will place food scraps and food-soiled paper products in the green bin with their yard waste to be composted.



- ❑ LASAN is providing residents with 2-gallon kitchen pails to make it easier to collect food scraps while cooking or eating.

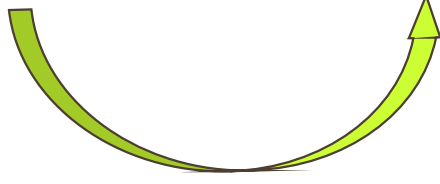


# How to Participate

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It's as **EASY** as 1, 2, 3!

- 1) FILL** pail with food scraps.
  - Any container can be used.
- 2) EMPTY** pail contents into the green bin. Rinse out pail. Fill again.
- 3) TAKE** the green bin to the curb for weekly collection.



# What Can Go in the Green Bin?

- ❑ **Food scraps**
  - ❑ Fruits and vegetables
  - ❑ Bread, pasta, grains
  - ❑ Dairy products
  - ❑ Eggshells, shrimp shells
  - ❑ Coffee grounds and filters
  - ❑ Meat, fish, bones
- ❑ **Yard waste**
  - ❑ Grass
  - ❑ Twigs
  - ❑ Clean Wood
  - ❑ Flowers

- ❑ **Food-soiled paper**

- ❑ Paper towels, napkins
- ❑ Paper plates, cups, and take-out boxes (no wax or coating)
- ❑ Greasy pizza boxes



# What CANNOT go in the Green Bin?

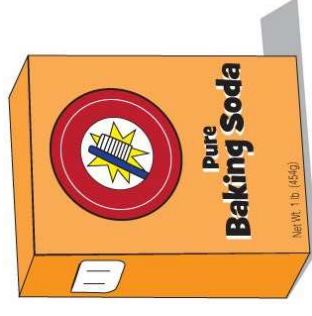
- ❑ **No plastic!**
  - ❑ This includes traditional plastic products and those labeled "biodegradable" or "compostable"
- ❑ Broken glass
- ❑ Produce stickers
- ❑ Rubber bands
- ❑ Twisty ties
- ❑ Plastics, waxes, coatings, etc.
- ❑ Pet waste
- ❑ Pet litter
- ❑ Household Hazardous Waste





# Tips and Tricks

- ❑ In the Pail:
  - ❑ Line pail with newspaper, paper bags, or soiled towels
  - ❑ **Do NOT use plastic bags** (even “compostable” bags)
  - ❑ Eliminate the odors by:
    - ❑ Emptying the pail every day
    - ❑ Washing it in the dishwasher
    - ❑ Sprinkling baking soda over the scraps
    - ❑ Store meat & fish in the fridge or freezer until pickup day
- ❑ At the Curb:
  - ❑ Set out your green bin every week (even if not full)
  - ❑ Layer yard waste and food waste (like a lasagna)



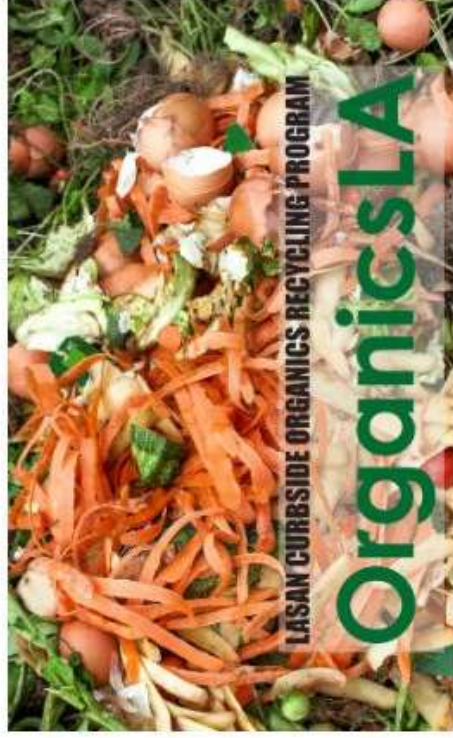
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## ORGANICS

The term "organic waste" covers a wide variety of items including yard trimmings, manure, food waste, and more. Organic waste makes up a large portion of waste that goes to disposal in landfills. LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) has had a program since the 1990's for the collection and recycling of yard trimmings and manure, and has been training City residents for the past 20 years on how to manage organic waste in their own backyards through composting workshops.

When organic waste is buried in landfills it can decompose anaerobically (without oxygen) and generate methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas that has negative effects on our environment. Because recycling organic waste helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, LASAN is working on a number of programs to beneficially reuse food waste and compostable materials, thus preventing them from being buried in landfills. These programs include food waste prevention, food rescue of edible food to provide meals to those facing food insecurity, creation of renewable energy from food scraps, and the enrichment of the soil through the creation of compost.

### Curbside Organics Recycling



Effective immediately, all residential households served by LASAN must put food scraps and food-soiled paper, along with yard waste, in their green bin. [Click here to schedule your pail pick up.](#)

[More about Curbside Organics Recycling](#)

### Farmers Market Drop-Off



We've partnered with LA Compost so that you can drop off food scraps at local farmers markets! [Visit the page to learn what they accept and where to find them.](#)

[More about Farmers Market Drop-Off](#)

# Curbside Organics Recycling Page



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24-hour Customer Care Center 1.800.773.2489




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SPECIAL PROJECTS

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WHAT WE DO

- Home
- Solid Resources
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  - Food Waste Prevention
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  - Green Waste
  - In-Sink Pilot
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  - CLARTS and Landfills
  - Livability
  - Collection
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## CURBSIDE ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

OrganicsLA is a curbside organics recycling program from the City of Los Angeles, mandated by Senate Bill 1383, a statewide mandate aimed at keeping organic waste out of landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Effective immediately, residents serviced by LASAN are required to place food scraps and food-soiled paper, along with yard waste, in their green bin. The City of Los Angeles will pick up the green bin weekly and the collection day will remain the same. The green waste will be processed to create compost to be used by farmers.

Residents serviced by the City's recyCLA program should work through their property management company to request organics service, if it is not already provided. To establish organics service, the property management company should contact our 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489 and request a waste assessment, from their recyCLA service provider.

### How do I get a free kitchen pail?

To help residents start recycling their food scraps, LASAN is offering a free kitchen pail to City of Los Angeles residents. These pails are available for pre-registered pickup at participating distribution sites, one pail per household, while supplies last. Pails are not required to participate in the new organic waste recycling program. Any container of choice (e.g., bowl, paper bag, etc.) can be used to collect food scraps and take them to the green bin. Please also note that these pails are not available to customers serviced by recyCLA; however they may be available by request of your property manager through your recyCLA service provider.

To identify your nearest pail distribution site and schedule an appointment for pick up, please click this link.

#### Food Waste Pail Pickup

**Step 1**

Please enter your LASAN customer ID number. Eligible households will be given a list of nearby locations to schedule and pick-up their kitchen pail (while supplies last).

If your address does not return a result and you feel that this is an error please call our Customer Center at 1-800-773-2489. Customers who can't wait will verify by email.

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# Address Validator and Distribution Site Locator

Kitchen Pail Pickup

**Step 1**  
 Enter your home address as it appears on your DWP bill to verify eligibility to receive a kitchen pail. If your address has a unit number please include it.

Exp Address: 200 N Main St Unit 4, 90012

If your address does not return a result and you feel there is an error, please contact our 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489 for assistance.

**Step 2**  
 Eligible households will see a list of pail distribution locations within 15 miles. Select the location where you want to pick up the kitchen pail. Use the link below your desired pick up location to schedule your pickup day.

4339 ALLOTT AVE, 91423

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Show results within 15 Miles

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PailPickupLocations	(3)
<b>East Valley</b>	<b>8.48 mi</b>
West LA	9.55 mi
West Valley	10.82 mi

# Pail Pickup Scheduler

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### PailPickupLocations

Approximate Distance: 8.48 mi

#### East Valley

**Facility:** East Valley  
**Address:** 11050 Pendleton St Sun Valley 91352

[Click here to register for your appointment](#)

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#### East Valley

11050 Pendleton St, Sun Valley, CA 91352  
 Operating Hours: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.  
 Open Monday through Sunday.

January 2023						
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10:00am  
38 spots left

11:00am  
37 spots left

12:00pm  
39 spots left

1:00pm  
33 spots left

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# Onsite Pail Pickup



LA SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT 100% ORGANICS DIVERSION PROGRAM

## OrganicsLA shop smart, waste less, recycle the rest.

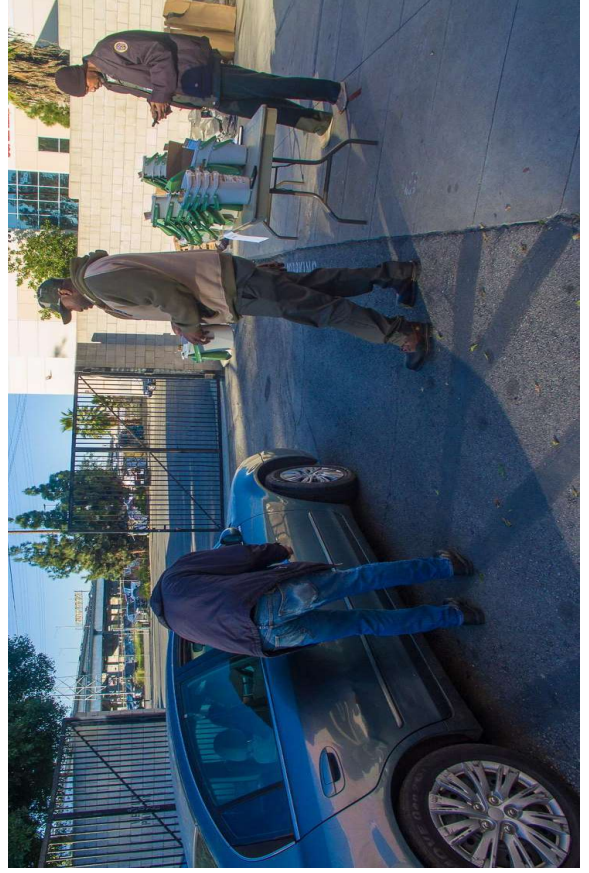
A typical household wastes about \$1,500 per year on food that isn't eaten. When uneaten food ends up in the landfill, it creates greenhouse gases (GHG) that contribute to climate change. Preventing food waste in the first place helps reduce our GHG emissions and saves you money. Recycling food scraps promotes a healthier, more sustainable LA.



That's why the State of California has a new program that requires all municipalities to **reduce organic waste by 75% for 2025**. As the City of Los Angeles begins to roll out our new organics waste reduction program this year, you will learn how to:

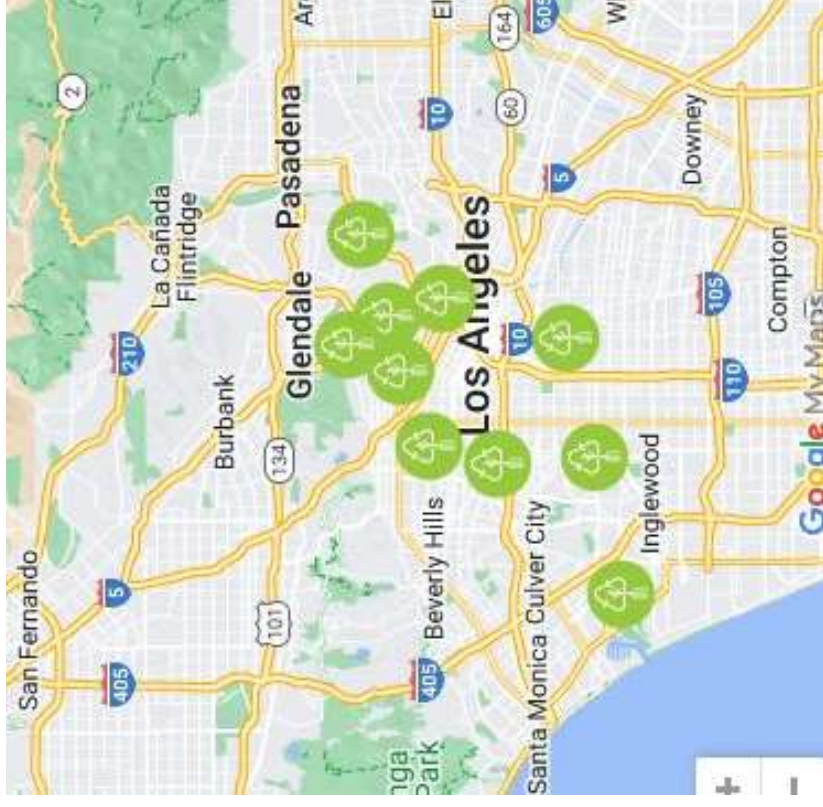
- Use your green bin to recycle your food scraps
- Prevent food from being wasted
- Home compost more effectively
- Use an in-sink disposal system to divert food scraps

Go to [www.OrganicsLA.org](http://www.OrganicsLA.org) for more information or contact our 24/7 Customer Care Center at 800-775-2489 and follow us on social media @LAsanitation



# Community Composting with LA Compost

Go to [lacompost.org/farmers-market-dropoffs/](https://lacompost.org/farmers-market-dropoffs/) to find the nearest farmer's market to you that is accepting compost!



# What Can Go in the Blue Bin?

- ❑ Materials accepted in the bin include:
  - ❑ Paper
  - ❑ Cardboard
  - ❑ Plastic products (1, 2 & 5 only)
  - ❑ Glass bottles and jars
  - ❑ Metal (aluminum, tin)





# NOT Accepted in the Blue Bin

**NO TO THESE PLASTICS** These plastics should now be disposed in the Black Bin:



**PLASTIC #3: POLYVINYL CHLORIDE**

Clear food wrapping, teething rings, kids and pet toys



**PLASTIC #4: LDPE**

Shrink wrap, dry cleaner bags, plastic shopping bags, squeezable bottles, bread packaging bags



**PLASTIC #6: POLYSTYRENE**

Disposable cups, utensils, food containers (both rigid and foam), egg cartons, foam packing material



**PLASTIC #7: OTHER**

Polycarbonates and LEXAN- water bottles, food containers, Bioplastics (PLA), disposable packaging, utensils, straws, cups, bags, bottles

**Special note:** Bioplastics, which are derived partly or wholly from plants, are NOT recyclable in Los Angeles. Bioplastics are used in disposable items like packaging, containers, straws, bags and bottles. They may be marked "0" or "7" or "PLA."





## THANK YOU

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# City of Los Angeles Single-use Plastics Reduction Ordinances



# Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Ban Ordinance



**Prohibits the distribution, offer, provision, rental or sale to any person:**

- EPS products intended primarily for food service;
- EPS egg cartons and food trays;
- EPS coolers and ice chests that are not encased in a more durable material;
- EPS shipping materials including shipping boxes, loose fill packing materials (e.g., packing peanuts), molded packaging materials.

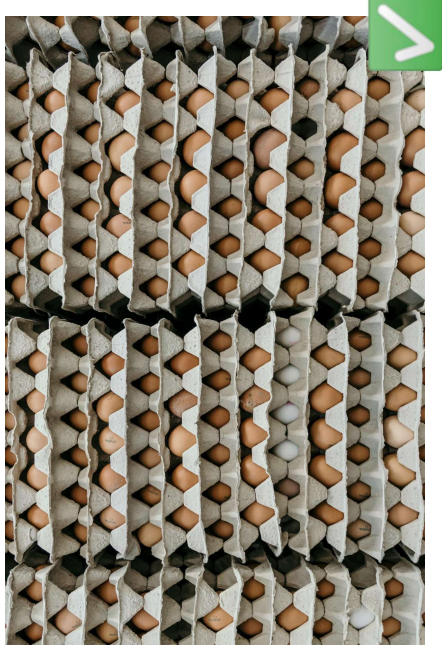
# What is Required For Compliance?

## Requirements:

- Businesses replace EPS items with alternatives.

## Compliance Deadlines:

- **April 23, 2023** for large food or beverage facilities and retail establishments (with more than 26 employees)
- **April 23, 2024** for all other food or beverage facilities and retail establishments



# Single-Use Carryout Bag Expansion Ordinance



**Expands the types of businesses that are prohibited from distributing or offering single use carryout bags to customers at these “shops”:**

- **Apparel stores**
- **Farmers’ markets**
- **Food or beverage facilities**
- **Hardware stores**
- **Open air markets**

# What is required for compliance?

## Requirements:

- Businesses can either provide customers a reusable bag for free or a charge or charge customers \$0.10 for a recyclable paper bag.

## Compliance Deadlines:

- **January 23, 2023** for large shops (with more than 26 employees)
- **July 1, 2023** for all other shops
- Quarterly reporting starting on July 1, 2023 for large shops



# Zero Waste City Facilities and Events Ordinance



**Curtails the production of solid waste during City-sponsored events and at City-owned facilities by:**

- Reducing food waste,
- Preventing the usage of non-recyclable foodware and other non-recyclable materials,
- Promoting the use of reusable and/or recyclable or compostable materials.



# GOALS OF THE ORDINANCES

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Reduce the amount of plastics waste which cannot be composted or recycled in the City of Los Angeles

Reduce the amount of plastic waste that pollutes our waterways, groundwater, and even our bodies.

Encourage the use of reusable packaging, containers, and reusable bags.

Improve the aesthetics of our community and eliminate the risk to wildlife.

# Zero Waste City Facilities and Events Ordinance

## Reusable Foodware and Foodware Accessories

- Prohibited from providing disposable foodware for dine-in meal service or catered service.
- No single-use/disposable beverage cups would be allowed.
- Water will no longer be provided in plastic bottles or in disposable cups
- Required to provide hydration or bottle refill stations.

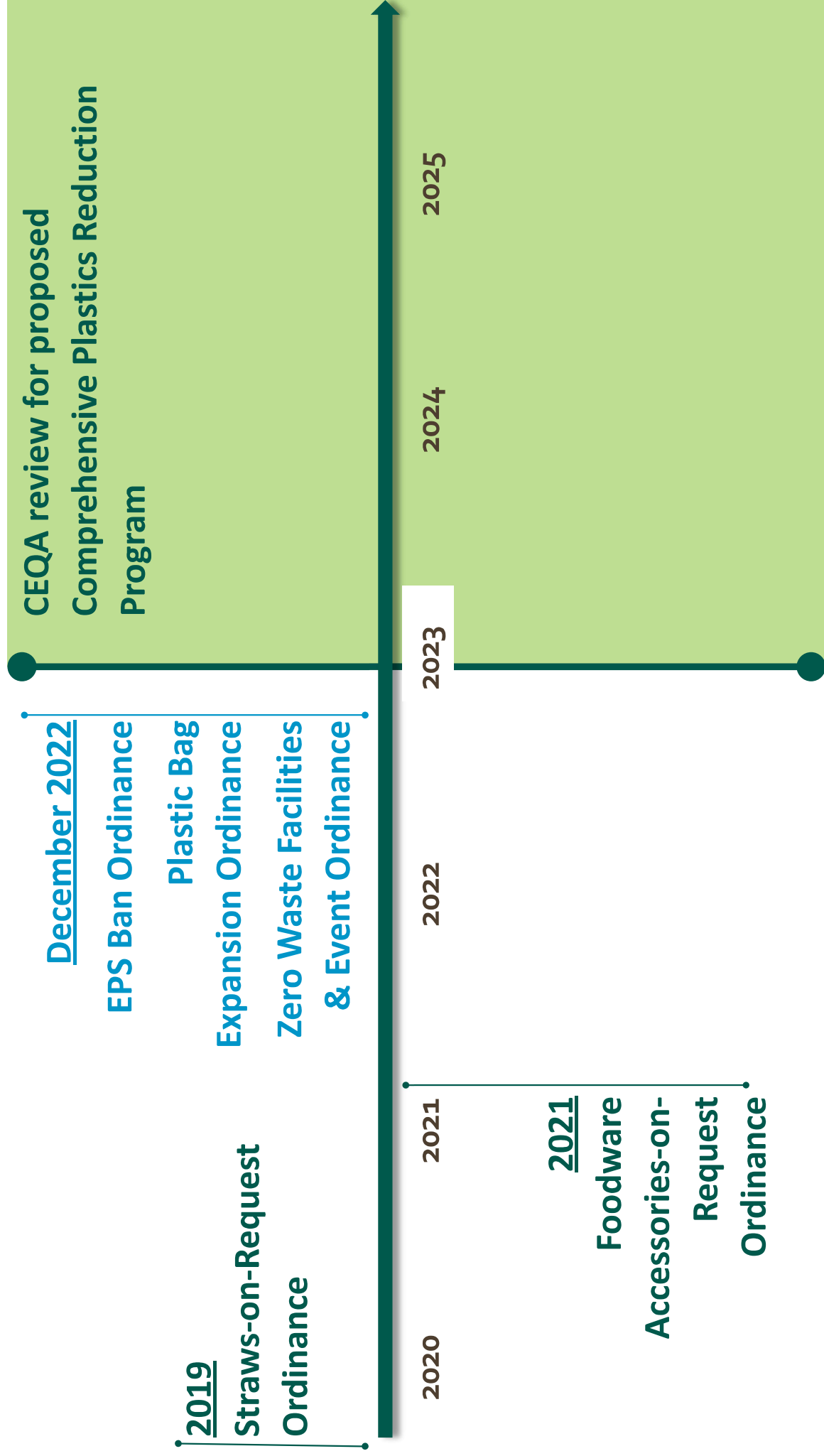
## Food Waste Reduction

- Donate eligible surplus edible food to a food rescue organization
- Prohibit disposal of any surplus edible food
- Organic waste collection is made available at all City-sponsored events.

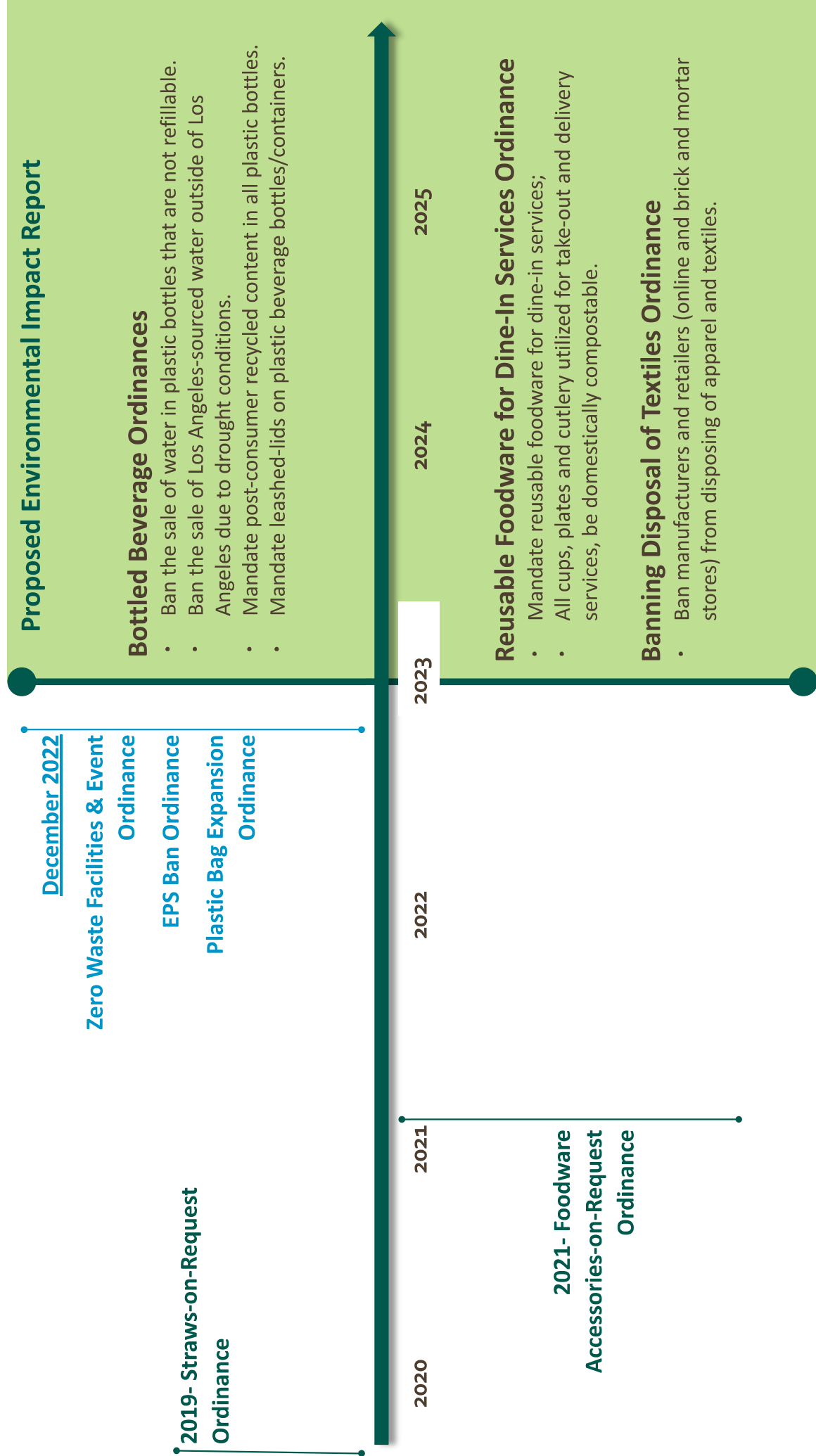
## Other Waste Reduction

- All informational literature printed on paper distributed at community events or catered events would be required to contain a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content.
- All promotional items given away at community or catered events would have to be functional and not made of plastic or any synthetic fabric.

# LA'S SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FUTURE



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**THANK YOU**

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