

Advantages of the Los Angeles County RMDZ

Locate Feedstock Market Your Products RMDZ Loan Program Provide Additional Assistance

As the largest manufacturing center in the United States, the Los Angeles County possesses an abundant supply of recycled-content materials available for manufacturing and is an ideal location for most types of businesses. Depending on your needs, there are many ways the Los Angeles County RMDZ may assist your business.

Locate Feedstock

Feedstock can vary in specifications, quantity, and reliability of source. Although finding these manufacturing materials may prove challenging, the County's RMDZ Program can help by facilitating communication between companies looking for the same materials or establishing relationships between complementary businesses. For more information on feedstock sources or locations at which you can post your materials, contact the following sites (refer to list of web sites):

- California Materials Exchange (Cal-Max)
- Los Angeles County Materials Exchange (LACoMax)
- Los Angeles County SmartBusiness Recycling

Market Your Products

Marketing is important to the success of any company. If your company produces products made from recycled-content materials, it may be listed on the CalRecycle's directories following sites:

- Recycled-Content Product Directory
- RecycleStore

RMDZ Loan Program

The RMDZ Loan Program provides direct loans to businesses and nonprofits that are located in a Recycling Market Development Zone. The purpose of these loans is to promote market development for waste materials.

RMDZ Revolving Loan Program—The current interest rate may be found at RMDZ Loan Program.

Provide Additional Assistance

Whether your business is located in the Los Angeles County RMDZ or not, you may need assistance which we cannot provide, or have a question we are unable to answer. For additional business assistance, contact the following agencies:

- California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery
- Los Angeles County Community Development Commission
- Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation
- Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- Los Angeles Small Business Development Center Network
- United States Small Business Administration—Los Angeles District Office

List of Web Sites

- Los Angeles County RMDZ
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/RMDZ/index.cfm>
- California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>
- Los Angeles County Community Development Commission
<http://www3.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/home.aspx>
- Los Angeles County Economic Development Commission
<http://www.laedc.org/>
- Los Angeles Small Business Development Center
<http://www.laosb.org/default.asp?id=15>
- United States Small Business Administration
<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/index.html>
- California Materials Business Exchange
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/calMAX/>
- Los Angeles County Materials Exchange
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/lacomax/>
- Los Angeles County SmartBusiness Recycling
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/brtap/recyclingsite/>
- Recycled Content Product Directory
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RCP/>
- RecycleStore
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RecycleStore/>
- RMDZ Loan Information
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RMDZ/Loans/>



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Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)





Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone



The City of Vernon is a member of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Program. The RMDZ Program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. The program was developed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) as part of an ongoing effort to increase the diversion of waste going to landfills. It is a partnership between the CIWMB and local jurisdictions. Currently the RMDZ Program is administered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).



This program provides business and technical assistance, product marketing, and financial assistance to businesses that manufacture a recycled-content product or process materials for recycling. Manufacturing or processing must occur within the RMDZ.

As of September 2010, the Los Angeles County RMDZ consists of the following cities:

Burbank	Carson	Commerce
Compton	El Monte	Glendale
Inglewood	Palmdale	South Gate
Torrance	Vernon	More in 2011

And the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Is Your Business Eligible to Receive Assistance from Los Angeles County RMDZ?

Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, your company must:

- Be located within the Los Angeles County RMDZ
- Use an eligible material in manufacturing a recycled-content product or process materials for recycling.

Eligible Materials

CalRecycle has identified the following as priority materials:

- Plastic
- Paper
- Waste Tires
- Agricultural waste
- Green waste
- Construction and Demolition debris

CalRecycle intends to focus its resources on diverting and developing sustainable markets for these priority materials.

Ineligible Materials

Ineligible materials are materials which have a history of being recycled and/or any material for which it is illegal to dispose of in a California landfill. These materials include:

- Metals (historical and established infrastructure for recycling)
- Electronic waste (computers, televisions, and any item which operates on battery power and/or has an electrical cord)
- Batteries of any kind
- Medical waste including SHARPS (needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medication)
- Hazardous waste
- Radioactive waste

Eligible Projects

How do I know if my project is eligible? If it is similar to these projects, it likely qualifies. Please contact the administrator of the Los Angeles County RMDZ for further information.

- Waste Prevention Projects
- Modifying equipment or processes to produce a product using less raw material
- Purchasing equipment in order to reduce waste generation

Eligible Projects (cont'd)

- Reuse Project
- Sorting construction and demolition debris
- Preparing reclaimed lumber for resale
- Recycling Projects
- Manufacture a recycled-content product
- Produce a recycled-content feedstock (examples include plastic flake and crumb rubber)
- Conversion Technology and Biomass Projects
- Conversion technology (thermal, chemical, or biological)
- Biomass (biomass fuels such as wood or agricultural waste)

For further information, please call the Los Angeles County RMDZ at (626) 458-3551, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Vernon Health & Environmental Control Department, (323) 583 8811 Ext 231.

