Community Perspectives: Food Scraps & Yard Debris Collection in Long Beach

More than 10,700 Long Beach community members participated in the 2022 Food Scraps & Yard Debris Collection Program survey in June and July this year. Thank you for your valuable feedback!

The survey revealed strong support for a State-mandated green cart collection program. The City will use these survey findings to create clear and accurate guidance that helps our community launch a successful program that provides great environmental benefits.

Key Takeaways

A majority of survey respondents shared that they:

- do not have concerns about separating food scraps and yard debris.
- rely on the City of Long Beach website for information about recycling.
- prevent food waste by enjoying leftovers, freezing food so it lasts longer, checking the fridge before shopping, and using shopping lists to plan their food purchases.
- believe that reducing global warming impacts from wasted food is the most important reason to prevent food waste.
Where Trash Becomes Treasure

Long Beach’s new Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Reuse Center is a treasure trove for thrifty and eco-conscious residents.

Introducing the new HHW Reuse Center

In partnership with EDCO and Los Angeles County, the City of Long Beach is excited to introduce the new HHW Reuse Center, a community resource for FREE surplus and leftover household products.

What’s available?

Product availability varies from week to week. In general, visitors can find:
- Household cleaning products
- Garden treatments such as fertilizers, weed killers, and pest control options
- Automotive care products
- Interior and exterior paint
- And more!

Why Reuse?

Using home, garden, and auto products from the Reuse Center saves money that would otherwise be used to buy new. It also avoids emissions associated with making, distributing, and using new products.

How to use the HHW Reuse Center

Any LA County resident can visit the HHW Reuse Center and take home up to five products per household, per week, free of charge. You do not have to drop off an item to pick one up!

Learn more at:
www.longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/hazardous-waste-101

BEST BEFORE or BEST IF USED BY is a manufacturer’s recommendation for how long a product can be enjoyed at “peak freshness.” It is safe to keep and consume food past this date.

SELL BY tells the store how long to display the product for sale. It is safe to keep and consume food past this date.

USE BY indicates the last date recommended by the FDA for obtaining full nutritional value from a product. Most food is safe to keep and consume as long as it has been stored and handled properly. The FDA recommends disposing of infant formula after the Use By date, as vital nutrients may be lost.

Still not sure? Use your senses!
If food looks strange, smells “off,” or has an unexpected texture, it might be time to say goodbye.

EDCO Recycling & Transfer
2755 California Avenue
Signal Hill, CA 90755
Open 9am to 2pm every 2nd and 4th Saturday
Holiday closures may apply. Check our website for updates.

It’s Still Good!
Understanding How Date Labels Differ Can Help You Reduce Waste and Save Money

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Have questions or need more information? Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles
FREE safe disposal for Long Beach residents every 2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at EDCO Recycling & Transfer 2755 California Ave. Signal Hill, CA 90755*

NO recyclables, hazardous waste, bulky, or oversized items.

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LB RECYCLES UPCOMING EVENTS

**November**

Saturday, 11/12/2022 from 9 am-2 pm @ EDCO Recycling and Transfer in Signal Hill – Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) / E-Waste Drop-off Event and HHW Reuse Center

**December**

Saturday, 12/10/2022 from 9 am-2 pm @ EDCO Recycling and Transfer in Signal Hill – Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) / E-Waste Drop-off Event and HHW Reuse Center

Monday, 12/26/2022 through Saturday, 1/7/2023 – Annual Treecycling Drop-off Event

**January**

Monday, 12/26/2022 through Saturday, 1/7/2023 – Annual Treecycling Drop-off Event

Saturday, 1/7/2023 – Holiday tree curbside pickup for City-serviced customers

Saturday, 1/28/2023 from 9 am-2 pm @ EDCO Recycling and Transfer in Signal Hill – Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) / E-Waste Drop-off Event and HHW Reuse Center

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Upcoming events hosted by LB Recycles are notated with a star ★. Annual Treecycling Drop-off Event dates are notated with a treecycling symbol 👌.

Learn More

For event information or to register for workshops:

[longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/events](http://longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/events)

For questions, email lbrecycles@longbeach.gov or call (562) 570-2869.