

South Coast Air Quality Management District

WHO TO CALL

Guide for Environmental Issues

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

This guide was created by South Coast AQMD and partners as a resource for Los Angeles
County only to easily identify the agency responsible for responding to environmental concerns
and other issues. This guide is organized into the following topics:

EMERGENCY PLANNING & OTHER SERVICES

PEST CONTROL

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WATER

ASBESTOS, CHEMICALS & TOXINS

AIR

LAND, WASTE & CLEANUP

How to use this guide:

- Flip to the page of the type of environmental concern(s) you have
- Search under the "Topics" column for keywords of your concern(s)
- The "Who to Call" column will have the responsible agency contact information including phone, website, and/or email
- Use the contact information to reach out to the agency responsible to address your concern(s)
- If unable to locate your city service, please dial 2-1-1 or (800) 339-6993 or visit http://211la.org/resources

Topics	Who to Call
Utility Rates & Condition of Utility	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Phone: (800) 649-7570 Website: www.cpuc.ca.gov Email: safetyhotline@cpuc.ca.gov
Abandoned Cars Illegal Parked Cars Noise Violations Obtain Permits Reporting Potholes Graffiti Streetlight Problems Parking Enforcement	City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) Call 3-1-1 (within the City of Los Angeles) for quickest service Phone: (213) 473-3231 Website: https://www.ladbs.org/default To send online message: https://www.ladbs.org/our-organization/customer-services/contact-us
Environmental Health Complaints Health Inspection Foodborne Illness Report Problems at a Restaurant or Food Market Illegal Food Vendors Body Art Facility Education Baby Supplies Nutrition Childcare Parent Programs Healthcare and Immunizations	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Call 2-1-1 for service 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 700-9995 Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov
Fire Weather Tropical Weather Forecast Satellite Images Advisory Preparedness	National Weather Service Phone: (805) 988-6610 Website: https://www.weather.gov/lox/

How to Protect Yourself During a Wildfire

How to limit your exposure to wildfire smoke or ash.

- · Remain indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter.
- · Avoid vigorous outdoor physical activity.
- Run your air conditioner with a clean filter to prevent bringing additional smoke inside.
- · Avoid using a whole-house fan or a swamp cooler with an outside air intake.
- Avoid using indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, such as fireplaces and candles.
- Older adults, young children, pregnant women, and people with heart or lung diseases may be especially sensitive to health risks from wildfire smoke.
- To learn more on how to protect your lungs from wildfire smoke, how to choose the proper mask, and how to use it, please visit http://www.sparetheair.com/assets/FaceMasks-FiltersInfo.pdf.
- For tips on wildfire smoke, ash health, and safety, please visit https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/protecting-yourself-wildfire-smoke.

EMERGENCY PLANNING & OTHER SERVICES

Topics	Who to Call
Reporting Pesticide Problems Pesticide Regulation	California Deptartment of Pesticide Regulations Website: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/
Mosquitos Midges Black Flies Reporting Stagnant Water Pest Control	Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) Phone: (562) 944-9656 Website: https://www.glacvcd.org/
Feral Control Fruit Flies Coyote Control Weed Abatement Termite Control	Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures Phone: (562) 622-0402 Website: https://acwm.lacounty.gov/pest-control-operators/ Email: wm@acwm.lacounty.gov
District Surveillance & Enforcement Toxicology & Environmental Assessment Pesticide Information File a Complaint	Los Angeles County Health for Pest Control Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/TEA/ToxicEpi/pesticides.htm Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov

Tips for Mosquito Prevention

- Remember to properly seal rain barrels or other containers that are filled with water. Mosquitos can use other openings as well to enter the container and lay eggs, so make sure to check for holes.
- To lower the chance of mosquitos laying eggs, look around your home or yard for anything that can hold water such as vases, buckets, plant saucers, old tires, and yard drains. Once found, tip the water into the grass once a week and toss out unused containers or store them to prevent them from collecting more water.
- · Use natural mosquito control products. You may find these products at a local home improvement store.
- To protect your family and community from mosquito-transmitted diseases like Zika, dengue fever and Chikungunya, wear environmentally friendly insect repellent with ingredients suchs as DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- For more tips on how to keep your home free from stagnant water and help ensure your family and community is safe, please visit https://www.glacvcd.org/2018/12/harvest-water-not-mosquitoes-a-guide-to-keep-your-home-mosquito-free/.

PEST CONTROL

Topics	Who to Call
Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Resources Non-game Wildlife Pesticide Investigations Wildlife Welfare & Rehabilitation	California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) General Contact Information Phone: (916) 445-0411 Website: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Director/Email To Report Pouchers and Pollutors Phone: (888) 334-2258
Animal Services Pet Care and Adoption Pet Policies	City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services Call 3-1-1 (within the City of Los Angeles) for quickest service. Phone: (888) 452-7381 Website: http://www.laanimalservices.com/
Animal Services Pet Adoption Noise Complaints Renew Pet License	Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) Dead Animal Removal Phone: (800) 773-2489 Online Service Request Form: https://www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/home/portal
Dead Animal Removal Service Requests	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health General Contact Information 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 700-9995 Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov Reporting animal bites and other veterinary public health: Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/biteintro.htm

Animal Control Agencies for Sheltering Services

- If you see or find an abandoned animal, or believe one is dangerous, visit the link below to find the closest animal control agency near you. Specific contact information is given and can provide you with more information, please visit http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/AnimalControlList.htm.
- For more information on animal emergency shelters and resources visit https://redrover.org/2019/10/29/animal-resources-for-cali-fornia-fires/

ANIMAL CONTROL

Topics	Who to Call
Hazardous Roadway Conditions Traffic Related Matters	California Highway Patrol (CHP) Phone: (800) TELL/CHP or (800) 835-5247 Website: www.chp.ca.gov
State Highway Repairs, Line, & Markers Maintenance Potholes Broken Sprinklers Graffiti	Caltrans Phone: (323) 259-1806 Website: www.dot.ca.gov
Aircraft Emissions	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Call 3-1-1 (within the City of Los Angeles) for quickest service. Phone: (213) 473-3231 Website: https://ladot.lacity.org/ Email: ladot@lacity.org
Streets and Transportation Information & Services	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) General Concerns/ Public Information Line Phone: (866) 835-5322 Website: https://www.faa.gov/ Contrails (FAA) Phone: (202) 267-3576
Transportation Incentive Program Freeway Service Patrol Metro Rail Locations Maps Customer Relations Fare Information	Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority General Contact Information Phone: (323) 466-3876 Website: www.metro.net Customer Service Phone: (866) 827-8646 Metro Security Phone: (888) 950-7233

Tips for Transportation

- Using public transportation can help reduce pollution, increase physical activity and lower traffic congestion.
- Metro has created a Trip Planner, which locates the nearest public transportation site and guides you to your final destination. To visit
 Metro's Trip Planner, please visit https://www.metro.net/riding/trip-planner/.
- · Carpool when possible! Carpooling can save you money, reduce stress, save you time, and reduce traffic.
- Buy an electric vehicle! Electric vehicles can reduce or even eliminate your fuel costs, reduce car emissions and contribute to clean air.
- For an overview on how to charge your electric vehicle in a Metro parking lot, benefits of UV charging, locations to charge, and FAQs regarding UV charging at Metro, please visit https://www.metro.net/projects/ev/.

TRANSPORTATION

Topics	Who to Call
Flooded City Streets Clogged City Sewer Lines Clogged City Storm Drains	City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Phone: (800) 773-2489 Website: https://www.lacitysan.org
Environmental Health Complaints Sewage or Wastewater Discharge at a Property No Water at a Property	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Call 2-1-1 for service Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink Water Services Flood Information Sewer Maintenance Services Smart Gardening Workshops	Los Angeles County Public Works 24-hour Dispatch Phone: (800) 675-4357 or (626) 458-4357 Website: www.cleanla.com
Water Waste Water Quality Underground Leak Power Outage Power Quality Street Light Outage	Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) Phone: (800) DIAL DWP (800) 342-5397 Website: https://www.ladwp.com/
Environmental Complaints Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Waste Discharge Watershed Regulatory	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board General Questions Phone: (213) 576-6600 Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/ How to File an Environmental Concern Phone: (213) 620-6370 or (213) 576-6600 Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/enforcement/index.html#complaints
Water Quality Programs Recycled Water Usage Water Rights Policies and Regulation File a Water Right Complaint	State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Phone: (916) 449-5577 Division of Water Quality Phone: (916) 341-5455 Division of Water Rights Phone: (916) 341-5300

Tips for Water Conservation

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- · Take shorter showers and while you wait for the water to warm up, collect it to water your plants, garden or flush your toilet.
- Collecting storm water can reduce flooding, reduce water bills, and can be used to water your plants.

Topics	Who to Call
Pesticide Sale & Use	California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) Phone: (916) 324-4100 Website: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/ Email: CDPRWeb@cdpr.ca.gov
Surveillance of Pesticide Illness and Injury Evaluation of Toxicity Data and Criteria Regulations on Agricultural Worker Health	California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Phone: (916) 445-6900 Website: oehha.ca.gov
Hazardous Waste Management Site Mitigation & Restoration Consumer Products Business Inspections Chemical Spills	Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Phone: (800) 618-6942 Hazardous Waste Alert Hotline: (800) 698-6942 Website: https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/
Health Inspection Environmental Health Complaints Lead Exposure Hazards Mold in Rental Housing Mold	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Call 2-1-1 for service Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov
Pesticides Toxic Chemicals Pollution Prevention	Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) Phone: (202) 564-2902 Website: www.epa.gov National Lead Information (Based Paint) Phone: (415) 947-4280 Library Reference Desk (Air/ Water/ Soil) Phone: (415) 947-4406 Website: www.epa.gov/lead
Asbestos Complaints Asbestos Demolition & Removal Rule 1403 Asbestos Emergency Asbestos Contractor Asbestos Survey Report Requirements	South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Phone: (909) 396-2000 Website: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/asbestos-demolition-removal
Natural Gas Leak Natural Gas Service	Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Phone (909) 307-7070 Website: https://www.socalgas.com/ Natural Gas Leak Emergencies/ Safety Issues Contact Phone: (800) 427-2200 Website: https://www.socalgas.com/stay-safe/emergency-information/natural-gas-leaks

Tips for Mold Related Issues

- Inspect your home regularly as you may find indications and sources of indoor moisture and mold. Act quickly to avoid any potential health effects.
- To learn more about mold, moisture, and how your home can be effected, please visit https://www.epa.gov/mold/brief-guide-mold-moisture-and-your-home.
- To gain a better understanding of mold and its overall affect, please visit http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/tea/toxicepi/mold.htm.

Topics	Who to Call
Air Quality Complaints Odor Complaints Emissions Reporting Business Permits Smoking Vehicles Mobile Sources Note: CARB is responsible for mobile sources, mainly cars and trucks. Please refer to South Coast AQMD for concerns such as factories, refineries, and gas stations.	California Air Resources Board (CARB) General Contact Information Phone: (800) 242-4450 Website: www.arb.ca.gov Email: helpline@arb.ca.gov Air Pollution Complaints Phone: (800) 952-5588 Website: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/node/473/about Vehicle Pollution Complaints Phone: (800) END SMOG or (800) 363-7664 Website: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/environmental-complaints/smoking-vehicles
Ambient Air Quality Standards Health Impacts of Chemicals in the Air CalEnviro Screening Tool	California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Phone: (916) 324-7572 Website: https://oehha.ca.gov/
Workplace Safety Industrial Welfare Labor Standards Permit, Cranes & Pressure Vessels Asbestos Workplace Air Quality	Division of Occupational Safety and Health of California (Cal-OSHA) Phone: (213) 576-7451 or (818) 901-5403 Website: www.dir.ca.gov Email: Infocons@dir.ca.gov
Tobacco Prevention Reporting Smoking Violations	Los Angeles County Public Health Tobacco Control Program Phone: (213) 351-7890 Website: www.laquits.com Email: tobacco1@ph.lacounty.gov
Air Quality Complaints Odor Complaints Emissions Reporting Business Permits Smoking Vehicles	South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Phone: (800)-288-7664 (800-CUT-SMOG) Website: www.aqmd.gov
Truck & Bus Regulation Reports/Complaints for Idling or Smoking Vehicles Rail Yard Complaints Information on Burn Planning, Burn Approvals, and Emissons Equipment Registration and Reporting	United States Environmental Protection Agency National Response Center Phone: (800) 424-8802 Website: https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Phone: 2-1-1 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse Phone: (202) 566-0799 Email: ppic@epa.gov Vehicle Smog into Referee Phone: (626) 575-6800

Facts for Keeping the Air Clean

- Visit South Coast AQMD's website daily to check the air quality in your area or download the South Coast AQMD smartphone app. For more information on how to download the app, please visit https://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp.
- For tips on how to do your part to clean the air, visit South Coast AQMD at https://cutt.ly/RtbVE6W and download the flyer for more information.

Topics	Who to Call
Recycling Waste Management Recycling Complaints	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Phone: (800) Recycle (732-9253) Website: https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ Email: complaints@calrecycle.ca.gov
Solid Waste Facilities I Inspection Request I Report Code Violation I Residential Property Report I Parcel Profile Report I Zoning Information I Reporting Dumping or Trash Collection Issues I Requesting Bulky Item Pick-up	City of Los Angeles – Department of Building & Safety, Local Enforcement Agency Program (LADBS) Phone: (213) 473-3231 or call 3-1-1 (within the City of Los Angeles) for quickest service Website: https://www.ladbs.org/our-organization/customer-services/contact-us
Hazardous Waste Management Site Cleanup & Restoration Abandoned Waste Business Inspections Chemical Spills at Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSD) HW TSD Facilities HW Transporters Electronic Waste Facilities Shooting Ranges DTSC Cleanup Sites)	City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Phone: (800) 773-2489 Website: https://www.lacitysan.org/
Hazardous Waste Generator Program Hazardous Materials Aboveground Storage Tank Program Underground Storage Tank	Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Phone: (800) 618-6942 Hazardous Waste Alert Hotline: (800) 698-6942 Website: https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/
Hazardous Waste Generator Program Hazardous Materials Aboveground Storage Tank Program Underground Storage Tank	Los Angeles County Department Fire Department Phone: (323) 890-4045 Website: https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/ Email: askhhmd@fire.lacounty.gov
Environmental Health Complaints Accumulated Trash or Debris at a Property Rental Properties that are Not Maintained Hazardous Waste Generators Chemical Spills Abandoned Waste	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Call 2-1-1 for service Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995 24 Hour Hotline: (888) 700-9995 Website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov Email: ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink Homeowner Permits Flood Information Sewer Maintenance Services Emergency Resources Trash Collection Illegal Dumping Solid Waste Generation Charge	Los Angeles County Public Works 24-hour Dispatch Phone: (800) 675-4357 or (626) 458-4357 Website: www.cleanla.com

Tips for Recycling

- Items such as clothes, paper, bottles, and aluminum cans can be recycled to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Items that should not be recycled include batteries, bubble wrap, styrofoam, and electric cords.
- To find more information on where you recycle and other resources, visit CalRecycle at https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/.

Additional Resources

Locating Services Near Me

Check the Los Angeles County Public Work's webpage to locate services near you by entering your address to identify service-detailed contact information for construction, permits, road, transit, and much more in your area!

Follow the link below and enter your address.

https://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/servicelocator/

LA County Neighborhood Fix

Call 2-1-1 for information and referrals for all health and human services in Los Angeles County. This line is operated 24 hours a day if you wish to speak to live trained Community Resource Advisors in your area. To learn more about services that go far beyond phone referrals, please visit the link below or call 2-1-1. All calls are confidential

https://www.211la.org/

MYLA 311 Service

Call 3-1-1 or download the MyLA311 mobile app or visit the link below to connect to a wide variety of non-emergency City of Los Angeles services and other LA City resources not included in this guide. For full access to the services and resources:

https://www.lacity.org/myla311

Call 9-1-1 if there is an environmental emergency that may lead to an immediate threat to human health.

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