



## Community Development Department - Planning Division

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### **RECYCLING FACILITIES STANDARDS AND CRITERIA POLICY**

The City of Compton has determined that it is in the public interest to encourage the redemption and recycling of beverage containers, reusable materials and other recyclables in order to reduce litter and promote resource recovery. Consequently, the City hereby establishes the following standards and criteria for the location, design, property development and operation of recycling facilities within its jurisdiction.

#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

All such recycling facilities shall be operated in accordance with the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1986, the Used Oil Recycling Enhancement Act and the Zoning Regulations of the Compton Municipal Code.

Certified Small Collection Facilities are automatically permitted in commercial and industrial zones provided they are maintained as an accessory to a large retail facility containing in excess of 10,000 square feet of sales floor area on a site with a lot coverage ratio of 40 percent or less.

Certified Small Used Oil Collection Facilities (400 gallons or less) are automatically permitted in commercial and industrial zones provided they are maintained inside a building and as an accessory to a business licensed for auto-related use.

Such facilities must conform to the property development standards described herein and must be approved by the Architectural Review Board, the Planning Department and the Municipal Water Department Division of Recycling.

All other Small Collection Facilities, all Large Collection Facilities and all Processing Facilities must obtain a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Section 3-26 of the Municipal Code. The Planning Commission may, in evaluating such applications, impose conditions of approval and development other than and in addition to those contained herein.

#### **PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

##### **SMALL COLLECTION FACILITIES**

Small Collection Facilities must comply with the following standards:

1. Shall be no larger than 500 square feet and be established in conjunction with a commercial use which is in compliance with the zoning, building and fire codes of the City.

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2. Shall not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular circulation; Small Collection Facilities shall be located to the rear of a site whenever possible.
3. Shall be maintained free of litter and any other undesirable materials (mobile facilities, at which trucks or containers are removed at the end of each collection day, shall be swept at the end of each such day).
4. Shall be located to minimize the loss of parking spaces; however, no more than four parking spaces shall be occupied.
5. Shall be aesthetically pleasing and may require suitable landscaping or screening walls.
6. Shall not, except in the case of Reverse Vending Machines, utilize power-driven processing equipment.
7. Shall use containers that are constructed and maintained with durable waterproof and rustproof material, the color of which shall be coordinated with companion buildings, covered when the site is not attended, secured from unauthorized entry or removal of materials collected and collected schedules.
8. Shall store all recyclable material in containers or in a mobile unit vehicle, and shall not leave materials outside of containers when attendant is not present.
9. Shall accept only glass, metals, plastic containers, papers and reusable items; containers shall be clearly marked to identify the type of materials which may be deposited.
10. The facility shall be clearly marked to identify the name and telephone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation, and shall display a notice stating that no material shall be left outside the recycling enclosure or containers.
11. Shall not exceed noise levels of 60 dBA as measured at the property line of residentially zoned or occupied property; otherwise, shall not exceed a noise level of 70 dBA.
12. Attended facilities located within 100 feet of a property zoned or occupied for residential use shall operate only between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week.
13. Containers for 24-hour donation of materials shall be maintained at least 30 feet from any property zoned or occupied for residential use unless there is a recognized

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services corridor and acoustical shielding between the containers and the residential use.

14. Small Collection Facilities shall be limited to one identification sign, with a maximum of 16 square feet; signs shall not be illuminated; directional signs, bearing no advertising message, may be installed with the approval of the Architectural Review Board if the facility is not visible from the public right-of-way or to facilitate traffic circulation; signs for Reverse Vending Machines shall be limited to 4 square feet per machine, exclusive of operating instructions.

**LARGE COLLECTION FACILITIES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES**

Large Collection Facilities and Processing Facilities must comply with the following standards.

1. Small not abut a property zoned for residential use unless enclosed entirely within a building.
2. All exterior storage of material, including containers for after-hours donation of recyclable materials, shall be in sturdy containers that are covered, secured and maintained in good condition; storage containers for flammable material shall be constructed of non-flammable material; oil storage shall be in containers approved by the City of Compton Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Health Department; there shall be no storage within 10 feet of any building.
3. Each site shall be maintained free of litter and other undesirable materials, and shall be maintained free of loose debris on a daily basis.
4. Shall not exceed noise levels of 60 dBA as measured at the property line of residentially zoned or occupied property; otherwise, shall not exceed a noise level of 70 dBA.
5. If the facility is located within 500 feet of property zoned for residential use, it shall not be in operation between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; the facility shall be administered by on-site personnel during the hours of operation.
6. Containers shall be clearly marked to identify the type of material that may be deposited.
7. The facility shall be clearly marked with the name and telephone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation, and shall display a notice stating that not material shall be left outside of the recycling containers.

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8. Identification and informational signs shall meet the standards of the zone; directional signs, bearing no advertising message, may be installed with the approval of the Architectural Review Board if the facility is not visible from the public right-of-way or to facilitate traffic circulation.
9. Facilities shall be maintained entirely within an enclosed building except as follows:
  - a. If within an area enclosed on all sides by an opaque fence or wall not less than 6 feet in height and landscaped on all street frontages; and
  - b. If the same is located at least 150 feet from all boundaries of property zoned for residential use.
10. Power-driven processing shall be permitted, provided all noise level requirements specified in this section are met.
11. A Processing Facility may be permitted to accept used motor oil for recycling from a generator in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code and approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the City of Compton.
12. No dust, fumes, smoke, vibration or odor above ambient levels shall be detectable as measured on the boundaries of neighboring properties.