

Textile Waste Recovery Pilots



Introduction about LA Pilot Project Phase 1

The goal of the LA pilot project was to create a circular, and streamlined business model for textiles, in line with LA's Green New Deal goals. Phase 1 (2020-2022) mapped and interviewed local diversion champions, analyzed textile waste data, and sent materials for upcycling, recycling, and composting. This phase collected information on sources of commercial textile waste, fiber content, and established processes to manage unwanted textiles including high occurrences of landfilled blended fabrics. The full report includes waste data to the fiber level.

Commercial Textile Waste Totals in the City of Los Angeles			
	Total weight (tons)	Annual average weight (tons)	Percent of total commercial collection
Total reported commercial black bin waste	3,612,261	1,204,087	-
Textiles in the black bin	215,695	71,898	6%
Total reported commercial blue bin waste	474,667	158,222	-
Textiles in the blue bin	9,717	3,239	2%



Introduction about LA Pilot Project Phase 2

Phase 2 (2022-2024) expands the project's reach by identifying additional textile processors and conducting fiber identification device demonstrations and discussion. The phase has secured sorting sites and work with haulers to collect textiles from pre-selected and trained generators and form a working group of experts. The project is working closely with recycLA haulers to facilitate effective and efficient collection of textiles for proper processing and reuse. Generators, including brands, are also engaged and invited to participate by working with haulers on ongoing collection opportunities. Generators are invited to complete a survey or directly email to the CPSC team to get added to list of potential generators to receive funding to participate as part of the pilot.

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