



Zero Waste Strategic Plan

Help Berkeley create a community-driven plan to reduce waste and improve its trash, recycling, and compost programs.

Give input on a plan to divert waste from landfill through new policies, expanded waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs, and improved infrastructure development. Attend public meetings to give input, ask questions, and learn more about the development of the Berkeley Zero Waste Strategic Plan.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Zero Waste Strategic Plan will establish an overarching framework and roadmap for reaching Berkeley's goal of sending zero waste sent to landfills. The Zero Waste Strategic Plan will provide recommendations on policies, programs, and infrastructure to help reach the goal of diverting waste from the landfill. Examples of potential recommendations include requiring new buildings to allocate space for compost and recycling bins, programs to promote reuse and repair, reusable foodware for takeout, and more.

The plan will cover several components, including:

1. Review and Summarize Current Policies and Programs
2. Materials Composition Study
3. Review of the Zero Waste Division Operations
4. Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement
5. Transfer Station Feasibility Study Integration
6. New or Revised Zero Waste Programs, Policies and/or Ordinances
7. Zero Waste Program Outreach and Education Program Recommendations
8. Zero Waste Division Staffing
9. Develop Financial Analysis Showing Implementation Costs
10. Draft and Final Zero Waste Strategic Plan

The Zero Waste Strategic Plan’s development process launched in January 2023 and is expected to complete by early 2024. Recommendations from the plan will help Berkeley advance environmental goals in line with the [Climate Action Plan](#).

OVERVIEW OF PLAN PROCESS

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PAST EVENTS

Zero Waste Strategic Plan Community Meeting #1 (In-person) June 29, 2023 1 Documents	▼
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Zero Waste Strategic Plan Community Meeting #2 (In-person) October 18, 2023 1 Documents	▼
Zero Waste Strategic Plan Community Meeting #2 (Virtual) October 19, 2023 1 Documents	▼
Zero Waste Strategic Plan Community Meeting #3 (In-person) May 2, 2024 1 Documents	▼
Zero Waste Strategic Plan Community Meeting #3 (Virtual) May 15, 2024 1 Documents	▼

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For holiday waste, note changed pickup schedule and properly dispose holiday tree



Reduce your holiday tree waste this season



Reduce waste this Thanksgiving



Free one-day household hazardous waste drop-off event in Albany: Sunday, October 6

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