



Orange County Recycling Market DEVELOPMENT ZONE

The City of Orange (Orange) is part of a Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) that includes the cities of Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana and Stanton as well as the entirety of unincorporated portions of Orange County.

Established as a General Law City in 1888, and built on the vision of Alfred Chapman and Andrew Glassell, the City of Orange was established as a keystone that would serve as a foundation for the evolution of Orange County into the economic powerhouse that it is today.

With a population of nearly 140,000 residents and nearly 40 square miles of service area, the City's daytime population of 160,000 is a testament to the City's economic strength. As the home of Chapman University, UCI Medical Center and numerous institutions, the City is well poised to welcome recycled material manufacturers that would like to be stakeholders in a City that values its traditions, culture and Old Towne charm.

Nestled near the base of the Saddleback mountain range, Orange has more freeways running through it than any city in California. With access to the 5, 22, 55, 57, 91 and 241 Freeways, the City provides close transportation access to the Ports of Long Beach of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Abundant water and sewer service are conveniently provided and maintained by the Public Works Department and electricity and gas are supplied by Southern California Edison and The Gas Company.

If your company manufactures or has the capacity/desire to manufacture with recycled materials, the OC RMDZ program provides attractive loans and other incentives to eligible businesses that locate in the City of Orange.

The OC RMDZ was established for businesses that manufacture products from post-consumer or recyclable feedstocks. In order to receive OC RMDZ benefits, the manufacturer must be located in an OC RMDZ- designated city. Depending on your needs, the OC RMDZ program can assist your business through:

- Assistance with locating manufacturing materials (feedstock).
- Permitting assistance and referral.
- Business location and siting.
- Offering an attractive loan program.
- Acquiring Standard Industry Classification (SIC) data.
- Locating markets for products.
- Providing current market conditions/trends.
- Evaluating technology and equipment.

- Providing geographical data on demographics, waste streams, economics and other factors.
- Marketing of products for free via the RecycleStore at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RecycleStore/>.

OC RMDZ Incentives Include:

Low Interest Loans and Other Assistance with Financing – The OC RMDZ can finance up to 75% of a project and up to \$2 million per loan. Loan terms are for a maximum of 15 years, and the low interest rates are from fixed rate sources. Interest rates are maintained at or below the prime rate.

Permit Assistance – The City of Orange will assist businesses through local and state permitting and regulatory processes.

Location Assistance – City businesses will be guided to several acres of land that can meet the present and future needs of your business.

Materials for Manufacturing – Through the resources of their franchised solid waste collector, the City of Orange diverts nearly 75% of its waste away from landfill sites. Recyclables are collected and available through curbside, buyback and drop-off programs and are processed at facilities located throughout Orange County.

Other Benefits – Include business place assistance through the Service Corps of Retired Executives and other organizations, business incubator, financing assistance and industry networks through UC Irvine and Chapman University.

Eligibility – Most OC RMDZ incentives are designed specifically for manufacturing businesses located in Orange County. If a business manufactures a new product from recycled materials, processes recyclables through processes that increase their market value, repairs items that would otherwise become waste, or creates products using less materials or generating less waste, they may be eligible for a low-interest loan.

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