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# SAFETY ALERT

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Trash Dumpster Maintenance & Sanitation

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In order to ensure school trash dumpsters are kept clean, free from water accumulation and in good working order, custodial staff should follow the guidelines outlined below:

- Dumpster lids should be kept closed at all times except when depositing trash. Missing or bent dumpster lids/hinges should immediately be reported to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) Waste Management Hotline at (213) 241-3955.
- All trash capable of attracting flies and maggots should be contained in securely tied plastic bags prior to placement in dumpsters. In some cases, you may want to double bag the trash.
- When necessary, dumpsters may be sanitized and deodorized by spraying down the interior of the dumpster, and treating the dumpster with the product "Dock-It". This granular deodorant, when used correctly, will discourage the presence of flies and maggots.
- Whenever possible, dumpsters should be placed in a secured area during non-school hours to prevent unauthorized access.

Adherence to the above guidelines will ensure a healthy and pleasant work environment for students and staff. Other concerns or issues regarding rubbish and recycling pick-ups (bins, scheduling, etc.) should also be directed to the OEHS Waste Management Hotline.

OEHS recently assumed management of the District-wide rubbish collection and recycling services contract that was implemented in an effort to divert more of the District's waste stream from landfills. Please contact OEHS' waste management team for service requests or other questions/concerns at (213) 241-3955 or send an email to [wastemanagement@lausd-oehs.org](mailto:wastemanagement@lausd-oehs.org).



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