



2024 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

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2024 Sustainability Report | On the Road to Zero Waste

Message From Our CEO

At EDCO, sustainability, innovation, and service are deeply connected. Since our founding in 1967 by Ed and Sandy Burr, our family-owned and operated company has grown from a single collection service in the City of La Mesa into a leading resource management partner serving 24 cities and numerous other communities across Southern California. Throughout this growth, our commitment to responsible operations, community partnerships, and our *“We’ll Take Care of It”* philosophy has remained at the center of everything we do.

Today, EDCO operates an integrated network of recycling, organics, and transfer facilities—including three recycling centers, two construction and demolition recovery sites, ten transfer stations, and an Anaerobic Digestion facility—all supported by a fleet powered by renewable natural gas. These investments allow us to maximize material recovery, convert organic waste into renewable energy and beneficial soil products, and help our partner communities meet regulatory and sustainability goals. As a company that does not own or operate any landfills, we are uniquely focused on recovery, circularity, and long-term environmental stewardship.

In 2024, EDCO was awarded a \$10 million grant from CalRecycle to support the expansion of our Anaerobic Digestion facility—an important milestone that will further increase capacity for converting organic waste into renewable natural gas. This project reflects our ongoing commitment to innovation and our belief that infrastructure is essential to building a regenerative, low-carbon future.

Our continued success is driven by our people, our partnerships, and our shared mission. Every day, our team demonstrates what *“We’ll Take Care of It”* means—delivering superior customer service, developing creative solutions, and providing programs that help residents, businesses, and municipalities achieve their goals. From advanced processing technology to near-zero-emission collection vehicles, we continue to invest in strategies that benefit both the environment and the communities we proudly serve.

As we look ahead, EDCO remains firmly committed to leading the transition toward a circular, resilient, and sustainable California. With family values guiding our work and innovation shaping our future, we are honored to continue creating cleaner communities and a healthier planet for generations to come.

Steve South
President and Chief Executive Officer

Highlight a Department – Customer Service

At EDCO, superior customer service is at the heart of everything we do. Every employee is empowered to handle and resolve virtually any situation under the mantra: *“We’ll Take Care of It.”* As customer expectations evolve, EDCO continually adapts by leveraging innovative communication technologies. Our goal is to provide multiple, convenient ways for customers to access information, ask questions, and manage their services—making interactions simple, seamless, and efficient. This commitment to innovation ensures that EDCO stays ahead in delivering superior customer service while meeting the needs of a modern, digitally connected community.

New and Updated Communication Channels

Building on this philosophy, EDCO has developed a Mobile Application (App) that puts program information directly in the hands of customers, including Collection Days, Holidays, Bulky Pickups, and Recycling Guidelines. The App reflects EDCO’s dedication to providing timely, accurate, and easily accessible service information.

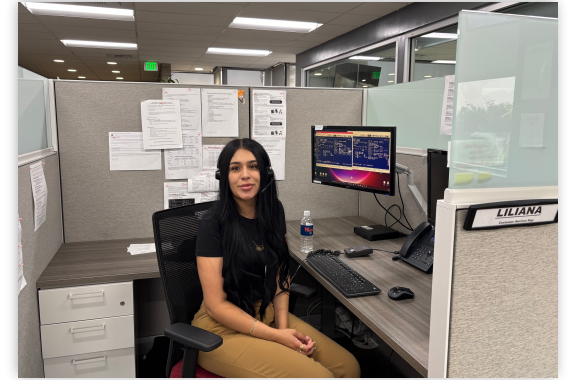
EDCO also offers a direct text messaging option, allowing customers to efficiently submit questions and service requests to a dedicated electronic customer service representative. Messages are converted to email, answered by a Customer Service Representative, and returned to the customer as a text.

These efforts are complemented by a live chat feature on the EDCO website, which has proven particularly effective in reducing phone call volume while providing immediate support. In addition, email blasts are sent to registered customers to notify them of holiday service delays, and have also been deployed during emergency situations, ensuring timely and accurate communication when it matters most.

To further enhance community engagement, EDCO will launch an official Instagram account in 2025. The account will provide timely updates, recycling and organics education, sustainability tips, and guidance for improving waste diversion at home. Designed to be visually engaging and easily shareable, the platform will help reach younger audiences, increase overall program awareness, and complement EDCO’s established communication channels.

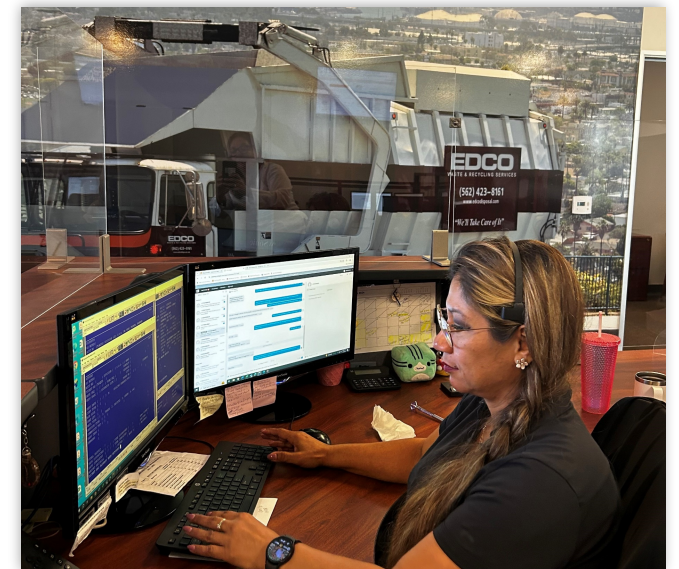
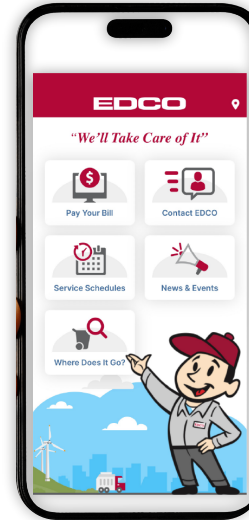
Updated Cloud-Based Telephone System

EDCO uses the Elevate UC Pro cloud-based system, providing real-time and historical reporting for all call activity. The system integrates voice, video, chat, and collaboration across desktop and mobile devices, enabling staff to stay connected from any location. Voicemail-to-email, mobile calling, and remote access streamline communication and maintain service reliability.



Proactive Communication

EDCO’s integrated communication tools—App, text messaging, live chat, email blasts, and cloud-based phone systems—enable proactive engagement with customers. These channels provide timely responses, simplify access to information, and reinforce EDCO’s ongoing commitment to delivering superior, innovative, and customer-focused service.



Circular Economy

EDCO's operations are built on circular economy principles—preserving the value of materials, reducing environmental impacts, and minimizing reliance on disposal. As a company that does not own or operate landfills, EDCO prioritizes resource recovery and ensures that all programs and operations focus on reuse before disposal.

Through our regional recycling and organics processing facilities, we transform paper, plastics, metals, and organic materials into new feedstocks and beneficial products. This supports local manufacturing, conserves natural resources, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Collected organics are converted into renewable natural gas, mulch, or compost, and the mulch and compost are made available to residents at clean-up events and provided free of charge to businesses in the communities we serve.

Driving a Circular Economy

EDCO goes beyond collection and processing by providing tailored recycling solutions that enable businesses, municipalities, multi-family complexes, and single-family residents to actively participate in the circular economy. These programs divert valuable materials from disposal streams, contribute to resource conservation, and support compliance with diversion mandates. Community outreach, education, and compliance initiatives further empower residents and businesses to participate effectively, while ongoing investments in infrastructure make material recovery accessible and efficient.

Circular Solutions

EDCO's community-focused programs facilitate reuse and repurposing, keeping valuable materials out of landfills. EDCO facilities and clean-up events provide convenient drop-off points for textiles through partnerships with organizations like Goodwill, ensuring clothing and other items are reused. Mattress drop-off programs repurpose materials into new products, extending the life cycle of these items. These initiatives complement EDCO's recycling and organics programs, transforming recovery efforts into practical, community-driven solutions.



Material Repurposing and Recycling

Every item recovered through EDCO programs has the potential to be repurposed or recycled, extending its life cycle and reducing the need for virgin materials. Circularity doesn't stop at recycling—EDCO ensures recovered materials remain in productive use through collection, processing, and remanufacturing. By turning discarded items into valuable resources, EDCO supports sustainable communities, conserves natural resources, and advances a low-carbon future.

Closing the Loop

Water Bottles become Carpet

Glass becomes Fiberglass Insulation

HDPE Plastics become Paint Containers

Glass Bottles become Glass Bottles

Mail becomes Cereal Boxes

A collage of images illustrating various recycling and repurposing examples. It includes a water bottle and a roll of carpet, a glass jar and a roll of pink fiberglass insulation, a blue HDPE plastic jug and a white paint bucket, two green glass bottles, and a stack of mail and a box of Corn Flakes.

EDCO Facilities

Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's)

Recycling is a cornerstone of EDCO's circular economy. To maximize recovery, EDCO has heavily invested in three state-of-the-art Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) across Southern California, combining advanced technology with skilled personnel to efficiently process commingled recyclables.

Our largest facility spans 70,000 square feet and can process up to 100,000 pounds of recycling per hour using a series of screens, magnets, high-speed optic scanners and conveyors to separate mixed loads of recyclable material. Skilled team members perform manual quality checks throughout the process, minimizing contamination and maximizing recovery.

These state-of-the-art facilities transform single-use materials into new feedstocks, packaging, and products, keeping them in circulation rather than in landfills. Collectively, EDCO's MRFs are expected to divert over 400,000 tons of material from landfills annually, supporting local jurisdictions in achieving Zero Waste goals and reinforcing EDCO's commitment to a regenerative, low-carbon, and resource-efficient circular economy.



2024 Highlights
212,713 MRF Tons Processed

Facility Upgrades
EDCO Recycling
Opened 1989, Renovated 2021 & 2024
Escondido Resource Recovery
Opened 2002, Upgraded 2017

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Facilities

EDCO is a leader in Construction and Demolition (C&D) recycling in Southern California, transforming construction debris into reusable materials and new products. Our two C&D facilities offer a mixed C&D diversion program, helping communities keep materials in circulation rather than sending them to landfills.

The largest facility is permitted to process up to 1000 tons of C&D material a day and uses state-of-the-art technology to increase the efficiency and the overall diversion quality. Collectively, EDCO's C&D operations recover and redirect materials that can be reused, recycled, or converted into new products, helping conserve natural resources and reduce landfill use. These efforts support local jurisdictions in achieving Zero Waste goals and reinforce EDCO's commitment to a regenerative, resource-efficient circular economy.



2024 Highlights
208,013 C&D Tons Processed

Facility Upgrades
SANCO C&D Facility
Opened 2006, Renovated 2018

Public Disposal Sites and Transfer Stations

EDCO's public disposal sites and transfer stations play a critical role in minimizing the environmental impact of waste collection and disposal. By efficiently managing materials on-site, these facilities help streamline operations while reducing emissions and resource use.

Rather than sending multiple collection trucks to distant disposal sites, EDCO transfer stations consolidate waste into larger vehicles after offloading and sorting. These larger trucks then transport the materials to landfills and recycling centers. This process significantly reduces the total number of vehicle trips, lowering energy consumption, transportation costs, road wear, and greenhouse gas emissions, while improving overall operational efficiency.



EDCO Station La Mesa	Escondido Resource Recovery	Fallbrook Resource Recovery
Ramona Transfer Station	EDCO Recovery & Transfer San Diego	EDCO Recycling & Transfer Signal Hill

EDCO Facilities

Anaerobic Digestion and Organics Facilities

EDCO plays a leading role in advancing organic waste diversion across Southern California. Through Anaerobic Digestion (AD), we convert food scraps, green waste, and other organic materials into clean, renewable natural gas (RNG), as well as mulch and compost that return nutrients to local soils. This closed-loop process keeps valuable resources in circulation and supports a thriving circular economy.

EDCO has completed the permitting for two Anaerobic Digestion facilities, with one currently operational. The fully permitted AD Facility is in Escondido and designed to accept and process up to 186,000 tons of organic material per year through four digester tanks. The first two tanks are operational, while the remaining two are under construction and expected to come online by Summer 2026. This expansion—supported in part by a \$10 million CalRecycle Organics Grant—will double the facility’s processing capacity and further strengthen regional organics recovery.

2024 Highlights

466,313 Tons Processed
334,099.07 DGE of RNG Produced



Anaerobic Digestion uses microorganisms to break down organic material in an oxygen-free environment, naturally generating biogas. This biogas is then captured and upgraded into 100% Renewable Natural Gas, the cleanest fuel available in California. EDCO injects this RNG into the pipeline, where it is used to power portions of our collection fleet and provides SB 1383 procurement credit for partner cities.

By transforming organic waste into renewable energy and regenerative soil products, EDCO delivers a reliable end-market for Southern California’s organics while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating long-term environmental benefits.



Facility Overview

Operational Facility

2 Digesters Active; Current Processing 93k tons/year

Phase 2 Expansion - Expected Summer 2026

Adds 2 Digesters; Full Capacity 186k tons/year

Second Facility

Fully Permitted; Design Phase Underway

Funding Support

\$10 Million CalRecycle Organics Grant

In addition to operating an AD Facility, EDCO also operates Ramona Organics. This facility uses machinery to mechanically reduce the size of organic materials like wood waste and green waste by chipping and grinding the material, essentially turning large pieces into smaller, more manageable particles often used as mulch or feedstock for composting operations.

Since October 2024, mulch has been offered free of charge on a self-haul, self-serve basis to residents, landscaping companies, and businesses, with 18.87 tons collected during this initial period. In 2025, the facility will begin producing mulch wattles, expanding the types of beneficial products available to support erosion control, landscaping, and other environmental projects.

The EDCO Ramona Organics Facility provides another outlet for green waste material, keeping us *On the Road to Zero Waste*.

The
Road
Ahead to
2025



Additional Diversion Outlets

EDCO provides multiple diversion options to help communities keep valuable materials out of landfills and support a circular economy. In addition to regular collection services, EDCO offers drop-off programs and partnerships that make recycling and safe disposal accessible for residents and businesses.

Current diversion outlets include:

- **Batteries** – Residents can safely drop off all types of dry-cell batteries, including alkaline, lithium, mercuric-oxide, and rechargeable batteries. Recycling keeps heavy metals like mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel out of landfills and the air, while recovered materials can be used to make new batteries.
- **E-Waste** – Electronics are collected for responsible recycling, reducing toxic material disposal and supporting circular resource use.
- **Sharps** – Residential sharps can be disposed of free at EDCO facilities in approved, puncture-resistant containers. Loose sharps are not accepted.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** – EDCO partners with local agencies to safely handle HHW, including materials labeled Toxic, Caution, Danger, Warning, Poison, Flammable, Corrosive, or Reactive, protecting human health and the environment.
- **Textiles and Mattresses** – Programs include Goodwill and mattress drop-off locations at EDCO facilities and collection at community clean-up and shred events. Steel, foam, and fiber from old mattresses are repurposed into new products, while textiles are redirected from landfills, further advancing circular resource use.
- **Buy-Back Centers** – Provide opportunities for residents to return materials for reuse and recycling, further reducing landfill contributions.

These programs help residents and businesses reduce landfill waste, recover resources, and adopt sustainable practices that support long-term environmental stewardship.



2024 Highlights

14.53 Tons of Textiles/Mattresses Collected

22.91 Tons of Batteries Collected

517.19 Tons of E-Waste Collected

10 Tons of Sharps Collected



2024 Diversion in Review

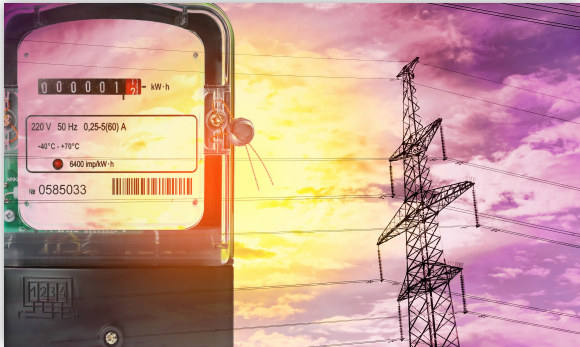
Our commitment to sustainable operations on the road to zero waste is measured not just in goals, but in results. Through expanded programs, infrastructure investments, and customer participation, EDCO continues to drive meaningful diversion. Together with our valued customers, we diverted over **1,006,475** tons from the landfill.



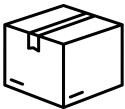
We saved over **1.12** million trees by recycling 66,145 tons of paper



We recycled 1,670 tons of aluminum saving over **2.78** million gallons of oil



We saved over **30.4** million kWh of energy by recycling 5,263 tons of PET



We saved over **749,250** thousand cubic yards of space in the landfill by recycling 83,250 tons of cardboard



We recycled 31,853 tons of glass saving **2,389** tons of feldspar, **13,468** tons of limestone, **6,529** tons of soda ash, and **19,908** tons of sand

Safety and Workplace Development

At EDCO, safety is a core value embedded across all operations, from collection and processing to material handling and transport. Our culture of safety is supported by robust programs, ongoing training, and advanced technology, ensuring employees can work confidently while serving the community. Key initiatives include:

- **Leadership and Oversight:** Safety Manager provides guidance, monitors performance, and advises management.
- **Training:** Biannual driver courses and quarterly safety sessions, led by experienced outside consultants comprised of former law enforcement individuals.
- **Safety Meetings:** Monthly documented meetings at all levels, reinforced with bilingual safety videos.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Incidents filed electronically for timely review, trend analysis, and injury prevention.
- **Incentives:** Financial rewards for consecutive accident-free months and years.
- **Technology and Equipment:** Collection vehicles equipped with four-way cameras and communication devices; facilities monitored with cameras to enhance hazard awareness.

By fostering a culture of safety, EDCO ensures the well-being of its employees while supporting reliable, sustainable operations that benefit the communities we serve.



Employee Growth and Development

As a family owned and operated company EDCO is committed to offering a rewarding career to our committed team of employees. We focus on providing employees all the training and tools they need so they can grow and be successful within EDCO.

EDCO's average employee has a 15-year tenure with the company, with numerous 20-year, 30-year, 40-year and even several 50-year employees. In addition, EDCO also prides itself on having a number of two and even three generation employees who have worked in the organization.

In order to attract, retain and cultivate this dynamic team, EDCO provides an equal benefits package to all of its valued employees, from entry level positions to senior management, including full health coverage, dental coverage and a 401k with a 6% company match. In addition, the company invests in numerous, annual events throughout the year to support the EDCO Family.

EDCO strongly believes in advancing internal personnel first, creating priority promotional opportunities for existing employees. In 2024, 61 employees were promoted, reflecting our commitment to developing talent and recognizing their contributions—including leaders who have grown within the company, such as our CEO, who advanced through the organization over the years.



2024 Highlights 61 Valued Employees Promoted



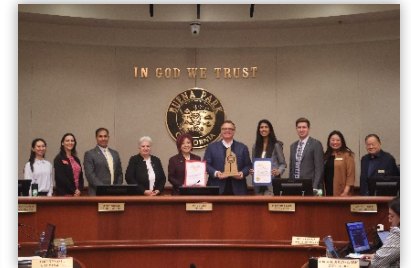
2024 Achievements

In 2024, EDCO was recognized by local communities and the State for its commitment to sustainability, customer service, and community engagement. These honors reflect our ongoing dedication to supporting communities, advancing sustainable practices, and delivering superior service.

Key awards and achievements include:

- **The City of San Diego proclaimed March 12, 2024, as EDCO Day** in recognition of EDCO's contributions to the community.
- **The National Latina Business Women Association of San Diego honored EDCO with the Community Stewardship Award** recognizing EDCO for our contributions to local communities and our excellent customer service.
- **The Poway Chamber of Commerce named EDCO the Large Business of the Year recipient** at its Business Star Award ceremony.
- **The Encinitas Chamber of Commerce honored EDCO with the Green Business Award** for demonstrating a commitment to sustainable business practices and working to reduce its operations' impact on the environment.
- **The Escondido Chamber of Commerce recognized Escondido Disposal as the Corporate Business of the Year.**
- **The City of Buena Park honored EDCO with the Sustainability Champion Award** for EDCO's commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship in advancing the city's sustainability goals.
- **The El Segundo City Council recognized EDCO** for being selected as a winner by parade judges for the **Best Holiday Spirit-Adult Award** at the El Segundo 59th Annual Holiday Parade.
- **The City of Signal Hill presented EDCO with the Community Champion Award.**
- **EDCO was awarded the 2024 Myllie Taylor Community Service Award** for its generous community service partnership with the City of La Mirada.
- **CalRecycle Organics Grant** – \$10 million awarded to support the expansion of EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion facility, increasing the region's capacity for organic waste diversion.

These recognitions and achievements highlight EDCO's impact across the communities we serve, reinforcing our focus on environmental stewardship, community engagement, and leadership in sustainability.



Sustainable Operations

EDCO's commitment to sustainability extends beyond the materials we collect and process—it is embedded throughout our day-to-day operations. From route optimization and fleet management to renewable energy generation and Zero Waste practices across our facilities, EDCO continuously invests in systems, technologies, and strategies that reduce emissions, enhance operational efficiency, and support regional climate goals. The following initiatives demonstrate how EDCO leads with innovation while delivering reliable, environmentally responsible service to the communities we serve.



Route Optimization and Operational Efficiency

To maximize efficiency and reduce emissions, EDCO invests in advanced routing technologies that support real-time operational improvements. The Route Smart routing system and RGIS 10 mapping software allow EDCO to optimize route production and improve performance across service areas.

EDCO's Route Optimization Manager works closely with Field Supervisors and operational teams to implement enhancements as conditions change. Feedback from customers is also incorporated into the system, enabling immediate, sustainable route adjustments that improve service accuracy and reduce unnecessary mileage.

Electric Vehicles

In 2024, EDCO expanded its commitment to clean transportation with the addition of five electric mini parade trucks. These vehicles provide emission-free operation for community events, demonstrating that sustainable practices extend beyond day-to-day collection operations.



Looking ahead to 2025, EDCO will continue to grow its electric fleet with the introduction of electric pick-up trucks, further reducing emissions from support and operational vehicles. By integrating electric vehicles across multiple functions, EDCO continues to advance its low-emission fleet strategy, aligning with regional climate goals and demonstrating leadership in environmentally responsible operations.



Fuel Efficiency and Fleet Sustainability

EDCO continues to balance long-term environmental goals with the realities of daily operations by investing in a modern fleet that meets all State and Local requirements. In early 2017, EDCO completed the transition to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) for all gas-powered fleet vehicles across Southern California. To support this cleaner fuel choice, EDCO operates multiple RNG fueling stations and continues to expand fueling infrastructure in the region.

That same year, EDCO took delivery of the initial *Near Zero* emission collection vehicles that were placed in service in the State of California and in October 2018, EDCO took another step towards reducing its carbon footprint with the introduction of new *Near Zero* (NZ) Natural Gas powered over-the-road, day cab tractors. These new tractor/trailer combos are among the first over-the-road NZ engines in the State of California, reflecting the recent release of the technologically advanced engine in this larger class.

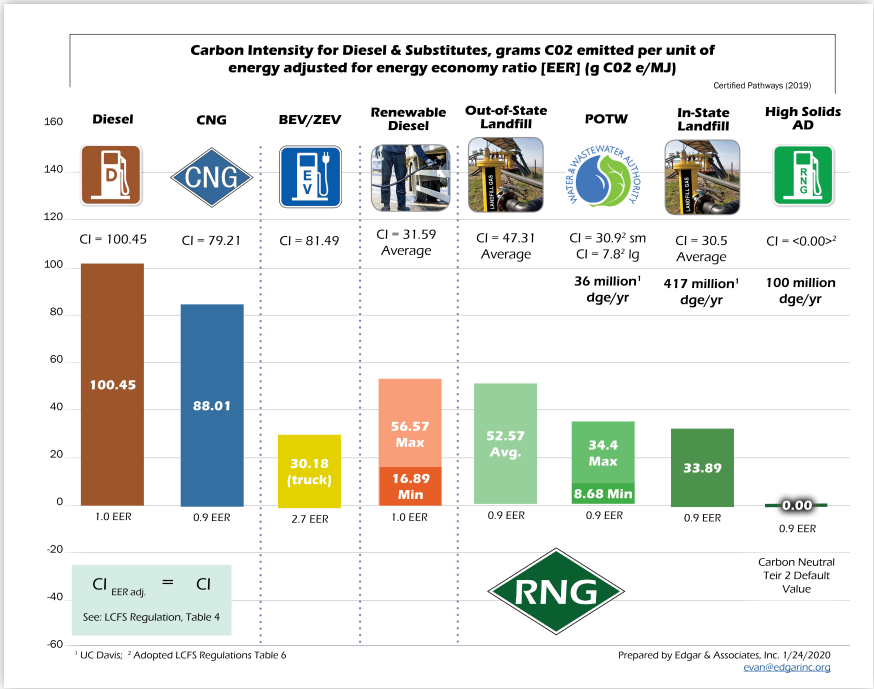
These technologically advanced units produce almost no Nitrous Oxide (NOx)—the primary contributor to air pollution. NZ engines achieve a 90% reduction in NOx emissions compared to 2010 standards and meet California's 2023 NOx and 2031 petroleum reduction goals. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) identifies NZ engine emissions as equivalent to a 100% battery-electric vehicle powered by electricity from a modern natural gas plant.



Sustainable Operations

Anaerobic Digestion and Carbon Intensity Reductions

EDCO's Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility marks a major step forward in our efforts to close the loop on renewable energy. Methane captured during the AD process is upgraded into pipeline ready RNG, which is then used to fuel Near Zero collection vehicles. This creates a carbon-neutral—and in many cases, carbon-negative—transportation fuel pathway. High-solid AD-produced RNG has a potential carbon intensity range of 0.34 to -22.93 gCO₂-eq/MJ. In comparison, out-of-state landfill RNG averages 47.31 gCO₂-eq/MJ, while California landfill RNG averages 30.5 gCO₂-eq/MJ. This dramatic reduction positions EDCO's fuel pathway among the cleanest available.



RNG Stations and Time-Fill Facilities

EDCO's commitment to sustainable transportation extends beyond fleet technology to include the infrastructure needed to support low-emission operations. As part of this effort, EDCO operates four public Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) stations, providing clean, low-carbon fuel for the regional community and supporting the adoption of natural gas vehicles throughout Southern California.

In addition, EDCO operates eight time-fill stations that serve our collection fleet. Time-fill fueling occurs overnight during off-peak hours, when the electrical grid experiences lower demand and excess energy is available. Using this off-peak energy ensures that it is not wasted, while also improving the efficiency of fleet refueling. By limiting compressor start-stop cycles to a single daily operation, time-fill facilities reduce equipment wear and maintenance needs, extending the life of critical fueling infrastructure.

Together, these public and fleet fueling facilities are a key part of EDCO's strategy to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy utilization, and support the growth of sustainable, low-emission fleets across the region.



2024 Highlights

6,231,535 Diesel Gallon Equivalents of Natural Gas Distributed

Environmental Benefits:

6.23 million gallons of diesel fuel produces 139,427,400 pounds of CO₂. Natural gas equivalent produces near zero CO₂

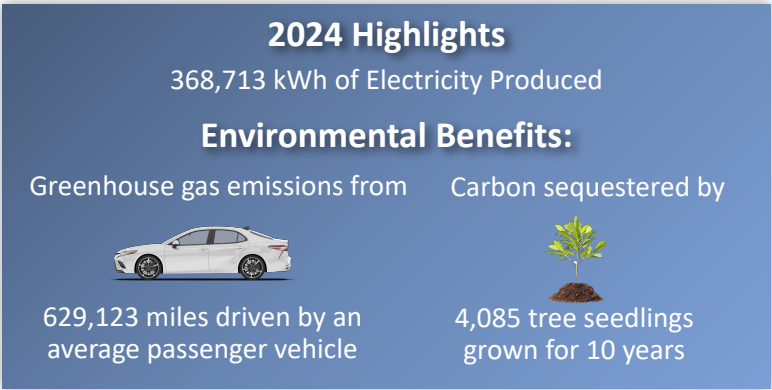


Sustainable Operations

Solar Facilities

EDCO incorporates renewable energy solutions within its facility operations through four rooftop solar facilities located at separate sites. These systems help offset the power demands of EDCO's natural gas compressor units, supplying a sustainable energy source for fleet fueling.

Solar energy provides clean, reliable power while reducing fossil fuel dependency, improving air quality, and contributing to land conservation, lower carbon emissions, and greater grid resilience.



Sustainable Business Practices and Zero Waste Events

EDCO leads by example by embedding sustainable practices across all company locations. This includes an environmental purchasing policy, reusable dishware for employees, and the placement of trash, recycling, and organics containers in all breakrooms to ensure proper material separation.

All EDCO-hosted events are Zero Waste, setting a standard for responsible resource management. Containers are strategically placed to collect recyclables and organics only, with reuse prioritized whenever possible. Remaining materials are directed to the appropriate recycling or organics stream, minimizing landfill contributions. Through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and anaerobic digestion, EDCO continues to advance diversion efforts and demonstrate its long-standing commitment to sustainable operations.

Safety Technology and Equipment Monitoring

Safety plays a central role in EDCO's sustainable operations strategy. All collection trucks are equipped with advanced DVR systems featuring AI-powered detection capabilities, including seatbelt compliance, smoking and cell phone usage monitoring, pedestrian detection, over speed alerts, automatic reverse triggers, and support for multiple backup sensors. Each vehicle is also outfitted with eight high-definition cameras—providing views on all four sides of the vehicle, the hopper, and enhanced night-vision—helping ensure safe and efficient movements throughout the communities we serve.

Software tools such as GPS tracking, 30-day playback review, vehicle speed monitoring, and interactive mapping provide real-time access to location and driver behavior data, further strengthening operational oversight and safety performance.



Preventative Maintenance

Preventative maintenance is essential to ensuring that all EDCO equipment—rolling and stationary—remains safe and reliable. Maintenance shops at each site are responsible for vehicle and truck servicing, while Department Managers oversee maintenance of other equipment within their control. Each department maintains a structured preventative maintenance program to ensure equipment operates efficiently, safely, and in compliance with environmental standards.

SB 1383 Implementation and Compliance

Building on EDCO's commitment to sustainable operations and circular economy principles, our SB 1383 programs demonstrate how we turn regulatory compliance into measurable environmental impact—reducing organic waste, minimizing contamination, and returning valuable resources to the community. EDCO has implemented SB 1383-compliant programs in every community we serve.

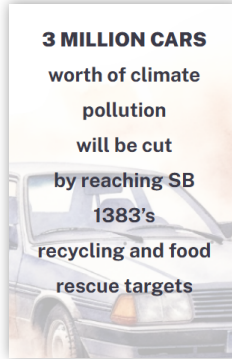
EDCO delivers all program elements required by State regulations, including collection services, education, outreach, monitoring, and reporting for all properties covered by the law. To support cities with the reporting requirements, EDCO developed a record-keeping platform that is offered to cities free of charge.

Commercial Sector Engagement

Recognizing the critical role businesses play in successful recycling and organics programs, EDCO Field Service Representatives conducted personal site visits to commercial establishments throughout 2024. These touchpoints allow for:

- Visual inspections of material quality and quantity
- Identification of contamination or improper sorting
- Recommendations to right-size service levels
- Cost-reduction opportunities through timely adjustments

Additionally, these site visits help strengthen communication with local businesses, giving EDCO the opportunity to discuss contamination issues, provide recycling and organics education, and ensure service recipients understand the full range of programs available to them.



2024 Highlights
5,888 Personal Visits Conducted

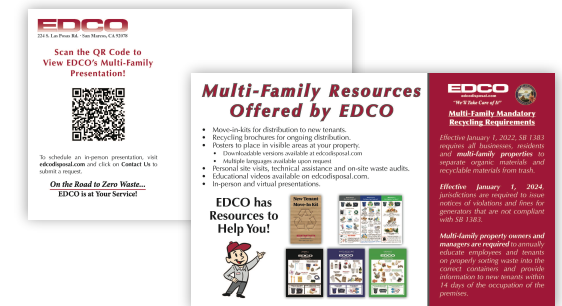
Enhanced Multi-family Education and Outreach

To strengthen participation and awareness at multi-family properties, EDCO launched an expanded outreach initiative in September 2024. As part of this effort, an educational postcard was mailed to all multi-family complexes we serve. The postcard outlines property owner and manager responsibilities and features a QR code linking to a detailed presentation with voiceover and speaker view.

This presentation—available in English and Spanish—covers the following topics and is housed under the Resource Center > Presentations section of EDCO's website:

Topics Include:

- What is SB 1383?
- Jurisdiction Responsibilities
- Property Owner/Manager Responsibilities
- Resident Responsibilities
- What Goes Where
- Tips for Food Waste Recycling
- Plastic Bags
- Resources



To further support compliance, EDCO will conduct in-person visits to all multi-family complexes with five units or more by November 30, 2025. These visits include verifying proper signage, identifying right-sizing opportunities, and offering both in-person and virtual educational presentations for residents.



New Tenant Move-In Kit



2024 Highlights
11,149 Postcards Mailed
6,784 Site Visits Required
967 Site Visits Completed

SB 1383 Implementation and Compliance

Contamination Minimization

To comply with SB 1383’s contamination monitoring requirements, EDCO implements a comprehensive Container Contamination Minimization Program that includes education, outreach, and random audits across all residential and commercial routes.

EDCO uses specialized route review vehicles equipped with GPS, cameras, and optic technology to monitor containers as they are serviced. GPS coordinates link the vehicle to randomly selected service addresses, while mounted cameras capture the container contents.

When contamination is observed, residents and businesses receive a postcard outlining the issue and providing guidance on proper sorting practices.

To further support proper diversion, EDCO provides the “Where Does It Go” search tool—a digital resource that helps users quickly determine how to recycle or properly dispose of everyday items. The tool encourages donation, home composting, waste reduction, and proper sorting, helping keep materials in circulation and reducing landfill disposal. It is available at edcodisposal.com under the Resource Center tab.



Jurisdiction: ESCONDIDO Reviewed by: SHARON REGENCO Route date: 05/17/2024 Truck: N/A Route: 47 RECYCLE Disposed due to contamination: 0 Total number of customers audited: 35 Total number of containers on route: 120 Total number of containers on route: 109 POSTCARDS: 3				
#	Account	Container	Findings	Image
1	241 157669 1508 S BROADWAY PL ESCONDIDO, CA 92026 BRANDED PLACES	NO CONTAMINATION		
2	85 21789 444 W 15TH AVE ESCONDIDO, CA 92026 15TH AVE COOPERATIVE	NO CONTAMINATION		
3	85 118419 1508 S BROADWAY PL ESCONDIDO, CA 92026 APTS WEST 15TH AVE	NO CONTAMINATION		

Procurement of Organic Waste Products

SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to procure recycled organic waste products such as renewable natural gas, mulch and compost. EDCO continues to play an essential role in helping our partner cities meet these procurement mandates.

EDCO provides mulch produced at our facility and state-compliant compost sourced from local suppliers, ensuring these products are used in meaningful ways. Materials are distributed for:

- City-managed public landscaping projects
- Community giveaway events
- Local business distribution on behalf of partner cities

By providing these materials, EDCO supports cities in meeting State procurement targets while expanding community access to soil-enriching resources.



2024 Highlights
304 Routes Audited
10,249 Containers Inspected
2,747 Contamination Postcards mailed

Common Contamination
Recycling & Organics = Plastic Bags
Trash = Cardboard and Yard Waste

2024 Highlights
1,718 Tons of Mulch or Compost Distributed

Community Support

EDCO is a committed and active partner in the communities it serves, reinvesting resources, time, and expertise to support local programs and initiatives. Our personnel hold leadership roles in service organizations, Chambers of Commerce, youth activities, and civic efforts, earning recognition as respected community leaders.

Beyond leadership roles, EDCO actively participates in community events ranging from litter abatement and local clean-ups to hometown parades and civic celebrations. These activities not only allow us to give back to the communities we serve but also provide opportunities to engage directly with residents and customers, supporting broader public education efforts.

A key part of EDCO's education and outreach program is free presentations for schools, multi-family dwellings, and businesses, focusing on reducing, reusing, and recycling. Sessions include brochures, posters, and other educational materials to increase awareness of sustainable practices. Attendees leave with a greater awareness of sustainable practices that help increase diversion and preserve the environment.

2024 Highlights

Events Supported = 211

Youth & Civic Engagement = 94

Volunteer Leadership = 39



EDCO also offers tours of its recycling facilities, highlighting the environmental benefits of Anaerobic Digestion, recycling, and source reduction. Participants gain firsthand understanding of operational processes and are encouraged to apply this knowledge to enhance diversion efforts in their own communities.



EDCO provides both financial and personnel support to a variety of local initiatives, including youth sports leagues, Chamber of Commerce programs, special events, and other community benefit projects. EDCO representatives are encouraged to volunteer on committees and actively participate in events, ensuring EDCO's presence and commitment are felt across the communities we serve.



Through these efforts, EDCO demonstrates that community involvement is more than a company responsibility—it is a core value and an ongoing commitment to fostering stronger, healthier, and more engaged communities.

Services at a Glance



Residential

Trash, recycling and organics cart service, kitchen caddies for organics collection, storage containers, temporary bin service, roll-off boxes, bulky item pick up and Christmas tree recycling.



Additional Service

Waste assessments, specialized reporting and educational presentations.



Commercial

Trash, recycle and organics bin and cart services, storage containers, roll-off boxes, compactor services and bulky-item pick up.



Events

Cardboard trash, recycle and organics boxes, commercial trash, recycle and organics bins or carts and roll-off boxes.



Free Drop Off

Electronics, cooking oil, residential batteries, and sharps recycling.



Industrial

Trash, recycle and organics roll-off boxes, CDI roll-off boxes and compactor services.

Our Mission Our Vision

Our mission is to efficiently serve the waste collection, disposal and recycling needs of our customers while ensuring a safe and rewarding career for our employees.

We will achieve this objective in a professional, innovative manner that consistently displays our integrity and genuine commitment to provide superior customer service.

“We’ll Take Care of It”

