



Baseline Report for the Zero Waste Plan

California is making progress toward reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Collected to Date



11.2 Million Tons
Organics (2022) Landfill
GHGs Reduced: 949,565
cars off the road



338 Million
Meals Saved (2022)
Landfill GHGs
Reduced: 17,211
cars off the road



493 Billion
Beverage Containers



304 Million
Tires



2.7 Billion Lbs.
E-Waste

Extended Producer Responsibility Progress



2.4 Billion
Gallons
Used Oil



9.7 Million
Mattresses



1.1 Billion Lbs.
Carpet



37.3 Million
Gallons
Paint



1 Million Lbs.
Pharmaceuticals
& Sharps (2023)

Coming Soon

Extended Producer Responsibility for
**Packaging
& Plastic**

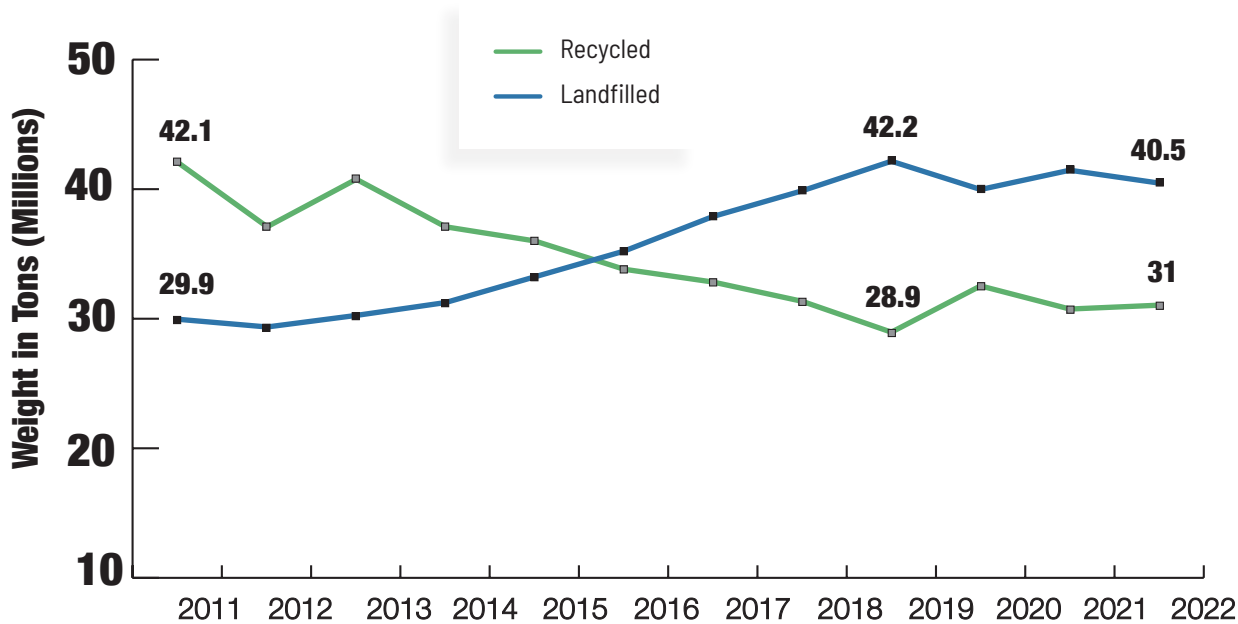
Batteries

Plus

**Battery-embedded
products join
e-waste program.**

Still, California Landfills Over 40 Million Tons of Material Each Year

Disposal increased while recycling and exports decreased over the past decade.



Disposal went up

Recycling went down

Recommendations to Move from the Baseline to Zero Waste

1. Overcome barriers to reach all mandates.
2. Address gaps and overlaps in current systems.
3. Understand the full lifecycle of materials to reduce waste.
4. Minimize impacts of waste on the environment, public health, and disadvantaged communities.
5. Maximize the environmental, social, and economic benefits of a circular economy.
6. Grow California's circular economy infrastructure and responsible end markets.

