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USC green team leads Coliseum to zero-waste win

The USC Office of Sustainability has been recognized by L.A. County with a Green Leadership Award for making the Coliseum a zero-waste facility.

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Stadium workers sort through every piece of trash during the home games at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the USC Trojans and Los Angeles Rams, diverting more than 90 percent of garbage to be recycled or composted instead. (Photo/Courtesy of Ellen Dux)

Steering mountains of waste away from landfills is a momentous task, and USC's green team is leading the way with another win.

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, operated by USC, has been recognized by Los Angeles County with a Green Leadership Award for being a zero-waste facility. That means 90% of Coliseum waste is recycled, composted or repurposed — 780 tons since 2015.

The Coliseum also won the Pac-12 Conference Zero Waste Competition **two years in a row**.

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