

Chumash Casino Resort



The Chumash Casino Resort is the 6th largest Native American gaming operation in California, which currently has 61 Native Owned Casinos. The casino is a **USGBC TRUE certified Silver level** company. The casino is the first in Indian Country and the first in Santa Barbara County to be TRUE-certified and only the second facility in California to earn the silver-level certification. Since 2004, Total Waste Stream went from 7.2 million pounds per year to 3.2 million pounds per year in 2018. **Recycling went from 6% to 90%** in those 14 years of recycling operations.

Reduce Waste Generation (Rethinking to generate less waste)

- Decreased single use packaging significantly.
- Installed Airblade hand dryers in restrooms, eliminating more than 18,000 paper towels annually.
- Installed a water purification system to reduce bottled water.
- Established an employee shuttle to save 700,000 car trips annually.



Reduce Waste Generation (Changing to recyclable or compostable products)

- Increased the use of recycled content/biodegradable kitchenware.

Increased Reuse/reprocessing

- Partnering with Engel & Gray to **compost landscape trimmings** and pre-consumer food scraps into “Harvest Blend Compost.”
- Separating **paper and food scraps** from other waste streams as prescribed by their membership in EPA’s Food Recovery Program. The food and paper scraps can be **composted**.
- Partnering with Frontline International to collect and **process waste cooking oil** into biodiesel.
- Partnering with Veggie Rescue to pick up, re-package, and **deliver leftover food** to those in need.
- Partnering with Clean the World Foundation to **provide minimally used soap products** to impoverished people around the world.
- Textile Waste Solutions: takes **used uniforms** and ships overseas to clothe the poor in developing countries or be processed locally for shop rags.



Increased Recycling

- Partnering with Dart Container Corporation to reprocess **densified polystyrene (PE #6)** cups into picture frames, crown molding, and many other products.
- Partnering with TerraCycle to shred and separate **Cigarette waste** into plastics, papers, and organics.
- Partnering with Los Angeles Fibers to produce carpet cushion products from the casino’s post-consumer **carpet material**.