

The purpose of the RMDZ program is to assist businesses to find innovative ways to cost effectively produce less waste and more product for greater profits. It's a win-win for everyone—businesses grow, the waste stream being sent to landfills diminishes, and the environment is protected.

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*Santa Barbara Regional*  
**RMDZ**

Recycling Market Development Zone



County of Santa Barbara



City of Lompoc



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City of Santa Maria

*New Markets  
for Recycled Materials*

## What is the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)?

- A program administered by local governmental agencies under the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) that provides low interest loans and technical assistance to firms that use recycled materials to make new products, or that prevent or reduce waste as part of the manufacturing process.
- Comprised of the unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Barbara, and the Cities of Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria.

### What are some examples of eligible projects?

- ♻️ *Modifying equipment to make products using less raw materials or packaging.*
- ♻️ *Separating construction and demolition debris and other salvageable items by material type for sale.*
- ♻️ *Cleaning agricultural and commercial plastic film.*
- ♻️ *Producing recycled-content plastic pellets, flakes, or chips.*



### Who is eligible?

- Businesses and nonprofit organizations located in the Santa Barbara Regional RMDZ (as indicated in the map above.)

### What financial assistance is available?

#### *Low-interest loans to eligible businesses that:*

- Manufacture a new product by using secondary (post consumer or post industrial) waste materials.
- Achieve a net reduction in the waste generated from the manufacturing of a product.
- Add value to a finished product for reuse by reconditioning, reprocessing, repairing, washing, or remanufacturing.

### What is the maximum loan amount, terms, and interest rate?

- 75 percent of a project's costs or \$2 million, whichever is less.
- For real estate purchases, a maximum of \$1 million may be borrowed.
- Loan term may not exceed 10 years (15 years if secured by commercial real estate.)
- Fixed interest rate for term of the loan.

### How may the funds be used?

- Purchase of machinery and equipment.
- Working capital.
- Purchase of real estate.
- Real estate improvements.
- Refinancing of onerous debt that results in increased diversion.
- Financing of loan-closing points.

### What technical assistance is available?

- Finding recycled feedstock for use in manufacturing.
- Locating a site or property for business start-up or relocation.
- Marketing recycled content products.
- Identifying other potential funding sources.

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DOING MORE WITH LESS

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY

DECREASING WASTE