

RECYCLE ANAHEIM

Fall 2012

Solid Waste and Recycle Newsletter for Anaheim Residents

► 2012 Anti-Litter Poster Contest Winners ♻ See inside for more information

Effective Recycling – **Assembly Bill 341**

Did you know that recycling saves our natural resources?

Research shows that reducing waste lowers greenhouse gas emissions and saves our natural resources, such as fossil fuel, forests and fresh water. Residents and businesses in the City of Anaheim are diverting more waste from the landfill through simplified recycling and waste collection services. Together, we successfully reduced the amount of waste sent to the landfill by 65 percent.

Waste reduction and recycling programs serve a critical purpose as our population grows. This year, California legislators passed a new law, **Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341)**, which gives renewed emphasis to the conservation of natural resources. AB 341 requires businesses that generate four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week and multi-family residential dwellings with five or more units to implement recycling programs. In addition, the new statewide goal increases the waste diversion from 50 percent to 75 percent by the year 2020.

“This is an ambitious goal, which will require the dedication and support of the entire community,” said Dan Capener, Republic Services General Manager. “Republic’s recycling programs achieve maximum waste diversion in the most cost-effective manner, while making it easy for the customer.”

To comply with the new law, multi-family residences and businesses must determine if waste materials are wet or dry. Wet materials (organics or waste that are biodegradable) should be bagged and tied securely before placing bags into containers. Dry materials (including recyclable materials such as cardboard,



paper, glass bottles, jars, packing materials, carpet, padding, plastics, reusable items, wood and metal) should be placed in the container loose, not bagged. Residential customers participate in the diversion of solid waste from local landfills by placing their sorted trash into the black trash, green recycle, or brown yard waste barrels provided by the City. Keeping wet waste away from dry waste enables the recyclable materials to be recovered from the waste stream upon arrival at the recycling complex. By following these simple guidelines, you will be recycling more and improving the environment for generations to come.

For more information on waste reduction and recycling programs visit www.anaheimdisposal.net.



2013 Compost Giveaway ♻ Visit www.anaheim.net/recycle for additional information

1 April 13, 2013 ► Western High School

2 April 20, 2013 ► Katella High School

The Toilet is NOT a Trash Can!



Many modern personal and household cleaning products are advertised as “flushable,” however, unlike toilet paper which breaks down quickly, these products remain intact indefinitely. These items can accumulate in the sewer system or get tangled in sewage pumps when flushed down the toilet. This can clog your home’s plumbing system requiring costly repairs and result in sewer overflows. Additionally, flushing items down the toilet is a waste of water and can increase your water bill.

Below is a list of items which should *never* be flushed down the toilet or washed down a sink. Dispose of these items in your black trash barrel:

- Cleaning wipes
- Baby wipes
- Feminine products
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Cotton swabs and cotton balls
- Hair

If you have any questions regarding items that can or cannot be flushed down the toilet or washed down a sink, please contact the City of Anaheim Department of Public Works at (714) 765-6860, or visit the Orange County Sanitation District’s “What 2 Flush” page at www.ocsd.com.

Together, Our Neighborhood Can Be Litter Free!

The City of Anaheim Department of Public Works and Anaheim Public Libraries sponsored the Third Annual Anti-Litter Poster Contest this past April. This year’s theme, **Together, Our Neighborhood Can Be Litter Free**, challenged students from Kindergarten to 6th grade who live or attend school in the City of Anaheim to create an innovative message to discourage litter in our community and promote recycling. The contest was supported by funding from the County of Orange.



Congratulations to the Winners! Gold, silver and bronze winners were awarded prizes and received recognition from the Anaheim City Council on May 29, 2012.

*K-3rd Grade Winners: **Samuel Kangas** (Gold), **Muhammad Ali** (Silver) and **Bilal Ron** (Bronze). 4th-6th Grade Winners: **Emily Nava** (Gold), **Bridget Long** (Silver) and **Newton Bao** (Bronze). Prizes: Gold Winners: iPod; Silver Winners: Bicycle; Bronze Winners: \$50 Gift Certificate*



The City of Anaheim, with funding from the County of Orange, purchased BigBelly solar-powered trash and recycling compactor units that are strategically placed throughout the City. The BigBelly units are located at City Hall, community centers, libraries and in the Anaheim Resort. Use of these units will help decrease the amount of litter and debris disposed of in parking lots, parkways, gutters and storm drains; thereby, preserving landfill capacity and protecting the environment.

The BigBellys Are Here!

Highlights of the solar trash compactor units include:

- Solar power that will store enough energy to operate for four to five weeks with no sun
- Attractive graphics that encourage use of the units by young and old
- Automatic text messaging to Public Works Operations when the unit is full
- Reduces trash volume by approximately 5:1 compaction ratio
- Visible demonstration of green technology
- Graffiti-resistant coating

For additional information on the units, please visit www.anaheim.net/recycle.



Green City Award

Waste & Recycling News honored the City of Anaheim as one of three finalists for the Annual Green City Award. The award is presented to municipalities for their excellence in communicating and promoting recycling programs. Cities are nominated in one of three categories based on their population; small (0-99,999 residents), medium (100,000 to 499,000 residents), and large (500,000+ residents). The City of Anaheim joins the municipalities of Bellevue, Washington and Ann Arbor, Michigan in the medium city category.

This year's awards were presented at the 2012 Residential Recycling Conference in Dallas, Texas. Nearly 100 municipalities across North America submitted nominations for the annual award. "Not only did we get an overwhelming number of submissions, almost all of them were exceptional," said editor of *Waste and Recycling News*, John Campanelli. "Choosing the finalists from such an amazing pool of entries was not easy."

The 2012 Green City Award comes in addition to the U.S. Green Building Council's Eco City Award which named Anaheim the Greenest City in Orange County earlier this year.



Community Gardens

The Hi Neighbor Community Gardens have been designed to create temporary community gardens in vacant and unused spaces throughout the City of Anaheim. Currently the City has three gardens: Common Ground Community Garden (West), East Anaheim Community Garden (East), and Ponderosa Community Garden (South). These gardens strengthen the neighborhood by bringing families and neighbors together to plan, build, organize and plant a green space. Please visit www.anaheim.net/neighbor for more information about how you can get involved in the Hi Neighbor Community Gardens.

Another way to contribute to the community gardens is by donating your homemade compost. The compost will allow the garden to transform into an attractive area in your neighborhood and become an environmentally friendly and sustainable piece

of land. You may make your own compost at home and share it at your local community garden by purchasing an Earth Machine Compost bin and Kitchen Collector bucket from the City of Anaheim by contacting Rebeca Escobedo at (714) 765-6883 or rescobedo@anaheim.net.

Republic Services will be conducting compost classes at the Downtown Farmers' Market on Center Street Promenade on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 and Thursday, March 29, 2013. Please contact Republic Services Customer Service Department at (714) 238-2444 or visit www.anaheimdisposal.net for additional information.

These are excellent opportunities to spend quality family time, meet your neighbors, improve the environment and beautify your neighborhood by helping the City move toward a more resilient and sustainable future!



Tree City USA

Anaheim Recognized for 28th Year

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes municipalities for their commitment to urban forestry. In 2012 the City of Anaheim received its 28th consecutive "Tree City USA" award for its emphasis on the street tree program.

This past April the Anaheim City Council proclaimed Tree Appreciation Week from April 23 — April 27 to recognize the importance of a strong urban forestry program that encourages public awareness about the benefits of trees in the community. Trees not only produce oxygen and absorb pollution; they also provide shade, food and shelter for wildlife and save energy for homeowners. The Department of Public Works held an Arbor Day tree planting event at Olive Elementary School this past April where students and City crews planted three Camphor trees.

For additional information regarding the Arbor Day Foundation, please visit www.arborday.org.





PUBLIC WORKS
www.anaheim.net/recycle



Be A Leader In Your Neighborhood—
Take the Hi Neighbor Pledge!
Visit www.anaheim.net/Neighbor

Your Fall Recycling Update

Contact Us

Trash Collection Service
(714) 238-2444

Household Hazardous Waste
(714) 834-6752

Recycling Center
(714) 238-3301

Public Disposal Center
(714) 238-3301

Used Oil Program
(714) 765-4154

Sanitation Billing
(714) 765-6883

Storm Drains and Sewers
(714) 765-6903

Street Sweeping Citation
(714) 765-4444

Anaheim Anytime
Dial 311 or (714) 765-4311

Customer Service Just a Click Away

- Request a Bulky Item Collection
- Request an E-Waste Collection
- Check on Your Collection
- Additional Bins
- Container Rentals
- Recycling Center
- Replace Damaged Trash Bins
- View RECYCLE ANAHEIM Newsletters
- Public Disposal Center and more...

www.anaheimdisposal.net
(714) 238-2444

To request this brochure in an alternative format, please call (714) 765-6860, or TTY (714) 765-5125. The City prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs, services, and activities.

Recycling... It Works Because of You!

PRST STD
U.S. Postage
Paid
Anaheim, CA
Permit No. 514

Holiday Collection Schedule

When the following holidays are on a weekday or a Sunday residential collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. There will be no collection delay if the holiday falls on a Saturday.

Trash will not be collected on the following holidays:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ● Christmas Day
Tuesday,
Dec. 25, 2012 | ● 4th of July
Thursday,
July 4, 2013 |
| ● New Year's Day
Tuesday,
Jan. 1, 2013 | ● Labor Day
Monday,
Sept. 2, 2013 |
| ● Memorial Day
Monday,
May 27, 2013 | ● Thanksgiving Day
Thursday,
Nov. 28, 2013 |

Green Holiday Tips

- **Start the Recycling Process with Your Shopping** Don't forget to bring your own reusable bags when shopping.
- **Shipping Gifts** Recycle old newspaper and mail advertisements for packing your holiday gifts that will be shipped.
- **Gift Wrapping Ideas** Purchase reusable and recyclable gift bags made out of recycled materials.
- **Holiday Card Recycling** Purchase cards made from recycled paper or clip holiday cards from last year to make gift tags for this year.
- **Battery Recycling** Purchase rechargeable batteries. Not only will you save money but you will save the environment. Non-rechargeable batteries should be properly disposed by taking them to a household hazardous waste collection center or a recycling station such as those found at various retail stores.

Think "GREEN"

When Recycling Your Holiday Tree



The greenest way to recycle your holiday tree is to cut it up and place inside your brown yard waste container. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and must be either cut up and placed in your black trash container or removed as a bulky item. By eliminating the need for additional collection trucks your tree is recycled while reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and saving natural resources.

Take advantage of the FREE "Holiday Tree Collection Program" by placing your tree on the ground next to your collection containers on service day during the two week period beginning Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 through Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. Residents who live in

multi-family dwellings should check with their property management company to see if special provisions have been made to collect holiday trees. If no provisions have been made, residents may place their tree next to the bin enclosures. All trees more than six feet tall must be cut in half to be eligible for this special collection. Do not place trees inside or in front of containers or enclosures. The following options are available for tree disposal after Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013:

- Cut your tree into small pieces to fit in your brown yard waste container
- Schedule a bulky item collection by contacting Republic Services Customer Service at (714) 238-2444 or by entering an Online Service Request at www.anaheimdisposal.net.