

San Bernardino Recycles

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Public Services Fair

Don't miss your chance to find out what happens behind the scenes and talk to staff from Refuse & Recycling, Streets, Fleet, and Environmental Projects. Attend the first Public Services Fair on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Court Street Square parking lot next to City Hall, 300 N. "D" Street.

The Public Services Fair will feature:

- Mercury Thermometer exchange for City residents, quantities limited
- Equipment displays
- Educational exhibits featuring recycling, storm water pollution prevention, and more!
- Special appearances by recycling Program Mascots, Oil Can Bernie and Trash Cat Masterson!
- Energy saving Compact Fluorescent bulbs for \$1.00, quantities limited
- Bring old cellphones and ink jet cartridges for recycling



Lots Of Great Giveaways!

Visit all the booths for a chance to Win...

A Backyard Compost Bin or Set of Four General Admission Tickets to an Inland Empire 66ers Game.

City Containers Get New Look

Residents will now receive all black containers with different color lids for refuse, recycling, and green waste collection. The black container with a black lid is for refuse, the blue lid is for recycling and the green lid is for green waste. Each lid is labeled with instructions explaining what should go into each container. Check out the Container Guidelines and "What Goes Where" list of items located on the last page of this newsletter.

Black Lid



Blue Lid



Green Lid



Check out the RECYCLING & REUSE GUIDE now located in the Yellow Pages under "Recycling."



Para recibir una copia de esta información en Español, llame (909) 384-5335

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Public Services Residential Programs

For County Clean Up Days in April & October please call 1-800-722-8004

Backyard Compost Bins Available

Composting can take place in a pile or bin, but needs at least 3 X 3 X 3 feet in size to enable internal temperatures to become high enough to activate the decomposition process. You can compost yard and garden wastes, food scraps, and woody material. Compost bins are available to City of San Bernardino residents for \$30.00. To purchase a bin visit the Public Services Department located on the 4th floor of City Hall, 300 N. "D" Street.

Why Compost?

Compost is one of nature's best mulches and soil amendments, and you can use it instead of commercial fertilizers. Using compost improves soil structure, texture, and aeration and increases the soil's water-holding capacity. Compost loosens clay soils and helps sandy soils retain water.

Recycle Used Oil & Filters

Free reusable 15 quart used oil collection containers and used oil filter containers are available to City of San Bernardino residents. Containers are available from the Public Services Department on the 4th floor of City Hall, 300 N. "D" Street. Proof of residency is required; bring your water bill and picture ID. Limit of one oil collection and filter container per household.

Never mix used oil with other automotive fluids, such as antifreeze or transmission fluid. Never dump oil down the drain, in the trash, or on the ground!

Curbside Service: Used oil and filters can be conveniently recycled curbside. To schedule curbside service, call the City of San Bernardino Refuse Division at 384-5335. This service is only available to City of San Bernardino residents.

Collection Centers: Certified collection centers also accept used oil & filters. For a listing of certified centers in San Bernardino, call the City's used oil hotline, 1-888-OIL-DROP. Program is grant funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Tire Disposal

Do you have used or waste tires cluttering up your garage? To dispose of whole tires, a residential customer may place one used tire beside their refuse/recycling containers for collection. Do not place tires inside any of your containers. Limit of one used tire per collection day, with a maximum of four tires every three months.

Sharps Disposal Program

City ordinance prohibits the disposal of sharps in refuse/recycling containers. The Sharps Disposal Program includes free disposal containers, a drop off/exchange site, and pick up service for homebound residents. Free collection containers are available from the Public Services Department located on the 4th floor of City Hall, 300 N. "D" Street. Program available to City of San Bernardino residents only. Proof of residency is required. For more information call 384-5335.



2006 Refuse Holiday Schedule



May 29
July 4
September 4
November 10
November 23
December 25
January 1

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Years Day

No service Monday. One day later.
No service Tuesday. One day later.
No service Monday. One day later.
Regular service schedule.
No service Thursday. One day later.
No service Monday. One day later.
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Remember To Recycle Your Beverage Containers



For a complete list of which containers may be redeemed for California Refund Value and certified recycling locations near you, call **1-800-RECYCLE** or log on to the California Department of Conservation Web Site, www.bottlesandcans.com

- 4¢ for each beverage container less than 24 ounces
- 8¢ for each container 24 ounces or more



- ⚙ Carbonated water (soda & non-carbonated mineral water)
- ⚙ Non-carbonated soft drinks & "sport" drinks
- ⚙ Non-carbonated fruit drinks (less than 46 oz.)
- ⚙ Beer & other malt beverages

- ⚙ Carbonated soft drinks
- ⚙ Carbonated fruit drinks
- ⚙ Coffee & tea drinks
- ⚙ Vegetable juice (16 oz. or less)
- ⚙ Wine & distilled spirit coolers

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Do your part to help the environment. Take your household hazardous waste to the collection center:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

San Bernardino County Fire Services
2824 East "W" Street - San Bernardino
International Airport
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Do not transport more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs.

Household hazardous waste includes:

- Antifreeze
- Full or semi-full aerosol cans
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides
- Motor oil
- Paint thinner
- Latex and oil base paints
- Television sets
- Computer monitors, CPU's, and printers
- Fluorescent lights
- Microwave ovens
- VCRs and DVD players



- Cell and mobile phones
- Telephones
- Radios and stereos
- Mercury thermometers
- Mercury thermostats
- Space heaters
- Clothes irons



Reuse Program

Free household products are available from the Household Product Reuse Program. Products are available Monday - Friday, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the HHW Collection Center. Subject to availability and may include fertilizers, paint, household cleaners and polishes, automotive products, pool chemicals and currently registered pesticides.

For more information about household hazardous waste or the reuse program collection locations, days, hours, and applicable fees: call 382-5401 or 1-800-OILY-CAT. To report illegal dumping of hazardous waste call 1-800-33-TOXIC.

Recycle Cell Phones & Inkjet Cartridges



Are old cell phones and empty ink cartridges accumulating at home? Don't throw them away, the Public Services Department has postage paid envelopes free to residents to mail those items back to a recycler. The envelopes are available at the Public Services Department located on the 4th floor of City Hall, 300 N. "D" Street.

What Goes Where?

BLUE CONTAINER-RECYCLABLES

Place loose recyclables in container-Do not bag.

- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty aluminum cans
- Empty steel cans
- Aluminum foil
- Metal-only clothes hangers
- Empty glass bottles
- Empty plastic bottles-jugs-tubs-buckets
- Cereal boxes (remove liners, place in black container)
- Egg cartons & drink trays (all types)



- Milk & juice cartons
- All cardboard
- Rolled paper tubes
- White & colored paper
- Computer & ledger paper
- Catalogs & magazines
- All envelopes (windows OK)
- Telephone books
- Newspaper



GREEN CONTAINER-YARD TRIMMINGS

Place a few sheets of newspaper at the bottom of the container to prevent green waste from sticking. To remove flocking from Christmas trees, spray with water from a garden hose. Do not bag green waste.

- Grass & weeds
- Leaves
- Twigs & small branches
(up to 6 inches in diameter)



- Cactus
- Sawdust
(only a 1/4 of container)
- Unflocked Christmas trees
(cut into 3 foot sections)



BLACK CONTAINER-REFUSE

To reduce odor & prevent trash from littering neighborhood, place in large sealed trash bags.

- Cat litter & animal waste
- Tissues & bathroom waste
- Cigarette butts
- Disposable diapers
- Paper napkins & towels
- Paper cups & plates
- Incandescent Light bulbs
- Palm fronds & yucca (cut to fit)



- Broken toys & tools
- Carbon paper
- Mirrors
- Old shoes
- Rags & sponges
- Old hoses
- Tarps, pool covers & liners



Guidelines for Container Use

Set containers at curbside by 6 a.m. on your scheduled service day. Late set outs are subject to a \$25.00 service charge.

- Place your containers 18 inches apart, in the street at curbside, near the corner of your driveway.
- Containers must be at least three (3) feet from any obstruction: parked car, mailbox, fence, lamppost, etc.
- Containers can not be overloaded.
- Do not place concrete, rocks or dirt in your curbside containers.
- Container lids must be closed for proper pick up.
- Containers must be removed from the curb after your scheduled service day and stored out of public view. (Municipal Code 8.24.210)

Curbside collection and 3-yard bins are available for a fee to residents for recyclable and non-recyclable excess and bulky materials. Customer Service Staff will be happy to assist you. Call 384-5335. Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30pm & Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.