

Composting

COMPOSTING is not a DIRTY BUSINESS

In fact, it's the simple and natural way Mother Nature recycles organic waste. Egg shells, grass clippings, leaves, vegetables and fruit scraps, tea bags, coffee grounds and many other organic materials found at home can be recycled using simple backyard composting techniques. The result is a valuable and free organic fertilizer for your garden.

COMPOSTING BINS



BIOSTACK BIN

Backyard composting is fun and simple. The City of Carson makes it even simpler by offering composting bins to residents at discounted prices. You'll even receive a free book about backyard composting with your purchase of a bin.



WORM BIN

Unearth the many benefits of worm composting. It's easy and fun for the whole family. The small (14 gal.) bin can be placed on your patio or in your garage. You don't need a backyard, or leaves or clippings, etc. Just feed the worms kitchen scraps and create rich potting soil in the process. With the purchase of a Worm Bin, you'll receive red worms and a free booklet about backyard composting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Reminder CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



Waste Management offers free collection and recycling of Christmas Trees. Up to 14 days after Christmas, you may leave your tree on the curb on your scheduled collection day along with your waste container(s). Waste Management will remove your Christmas tree and see that it is properly recycled. Please remove all tinsel, metal ornaments and metal stands from trees.

Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled. Tree size must be no longer than 6 feet in length for pick up.

STREET SWEEPING

Residents with Street Sweeping & Trash Service on the same day, place your Trash, Recycling and Green Waste Containers on the Parkway.

Bulky Item Pick up

Waste Management will provide "Bulky Item" pick up to all residential accounts. Twice each year, residents may place up to five items out for collection per pick up. Residents need to contact Waste Management 24 hours prior to pick up, and the items will be collected on your regular collection day. **310-830-7100.**



REMEMBER TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



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(310) 522-6572.

For more information or to schedule a presentation call...

cartridge recycling programs.

funds through bottle and can collection and printer

program. Find out how your school or group can raise

Management can help restart or expand your recycling

Does your school need to recycle more? Waste

composting!) from environmental educator, Lisa Ryder.

tion, reuse, recycling and composting (including worm

community group. Learn first-hand about waste preven-

WM offers free presentations to your school, scout troop or

"Free speakers for your school or group"

Environmental Education

Sharps and Waste Management have teamed up to offer the safest, most convenient method for disposal (by mail) of used syringes, lancets, and other small quantities of medical waste generated by consumers. Call Waste Management at (877) 927-8363 and inquire about the program.

SHARPS DISPOSAL BY MAIL

- Independence Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day

The following holidays are observed by Waste Management. If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these days, your refuse and recyclables will be picked up on the following day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

830-7100 for rates and additional information. "dumper". Please contact Waste Management at (310) For large clean up jobs you may rent a temporary

TEMPORARY BIN SERVICE

Department of Public Works at 1-888-CLEANLA. Questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste collection should be directed to the Los Angeles County

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

General Information and Additional Services



Los Angeles Metro District
1970 E. 213th Street
Long Beach, CA 90810

*"Working Together
we can make a difference"*



Special Holiday Recycling Guide!

Don't forget to recycle your Christmas tree. There will be no change to normal pickup days.

CARSON CITY HALL

City of Carson Recycles

Your Automated Waste and Recycling Collection Program Is As Easy As 1, 2, 3

This program has been specifically designed for residents. Your participation in this program will enable the City to meet State mandated recycling goals by reducing the amount of recyclable products currently being disposed of at landfills. Cities that fail to comply with this State mandate can be fined up to \$10,000 a day until the goal is met. Recycling is vital because California is running out of landfill space. Recycling is the right thing to do!



1 Place all trash in Grey cart:

All materials must fit inside the carts

Place green waste only in Green cart:

Accepted:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Brush
- Shrubbery prunings
- Sawdust
- Tree trimming
- Tree limbs, 4" diameter maximum



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Not Accepted:

- (Place in trash cart)
- Palm fronds
- Cactus or other succulents
- Dirt and rocks
- Plastic or paper bags
- Animal manure
- Food waste



Waste Management understands that not all residents have the same trash and recycling needs.

Under this new program, residents will have more space for their refuse. If you use your recycling and green waste carts correctly, you should notice a decrease in the amount of refuse you place in your grey refuse cart.

Additional green waste and recycling carts may be ordered by calling **310-830-7100**.

Place Recyclables only in Blue cart:

Accepted:

- All aluminum and steel cans
- All colors of glass bottles and jars
- Clear, colored and white plastic containers if labeled on the bottom
- Newspapers and inserts
- Junk mail
- White ledger paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines
- Colored and construction paper
- Cereal boxes (with liners removed)
- Telephone books

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Not Accepted:

- (Place in trash cart)
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Window or safety glass
- Mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Styrofoam
- Wax paper
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Plastic wrap
- Food waste
- Packaging materials
- Pyrex glass



YOU'RE THE SOLUTION TO WATER POLLUTION

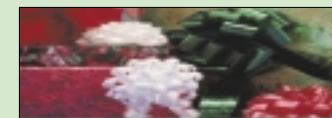


With the rainy season upon us, it is a fantastic time for all of us to be reminded of the importance of Urban Runoff Pollution. Polluted and blocked storm drains have a direct impact on the delicate balance of our local ecosystem. Urban Runoff Pollution is created by collected litter/debris, as well as inappropriate hazardous material disposal. Urban Runoff Pollution is comprised of anything that washes into the storm drain from the community, for example: cigarette butts, animal wastes, yard wastes (hosed down lawn clippings/leaves), automotive fluids, and household cleaning fluids. The importance of proper disposal of litter cannot be overemphasized. Cigarette butts take 200 years to decompose. Discarding cigarette butts into the storm drain directly contributes to potential blockages. The common thought that animal wastes and yard wastes assist in the fertilization process is inaccurate. Decomposing animal wastes demand a high level of oxygen from water. This can kill fish and plant life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them. Yard wastes such as leaves and grass that get hosed into the street and consequently the storm drains create blockages. These blockages are a prime opportunity for bacteria to manifest and be transported to the ocean. It is illegal to dispose of automotive fluids such as motor oil, and household fluids such as paint, thinner, and insecticides in the street or gutter.

You can assist yourself and the community by doing the following:

- Dispose of trash appropriately. NEVER use streets or gutters as a trash receptacle.
- Recycle green waste.
- Always pick up after your pet - every time.
- Rake up yard wastes and place them in your green waste container.
- Take advantage of the Community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (310) 318-0665.
- Tell a friend.

HOLIDAY RESPONSIBILITIES



In the United States, it is estimated that an additional 5 million tons of waste is generated during the holidays. Four million tons of this waste is wrapping paper and shopping bags. At this time, the City of Carson would like to remind you to continue to recycle.

Keep in mind the Recycling loop is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" While shopping for holiday gifts here are some ways to be part of the recycling solution:



Reduce:

- Not sure what to get someone, how about a holiday gift certificate or gift card. That way, you'll know the gift will be used.
- Make gifts. Everyone appreciates home cooked meals or baked goodies.
- Consider non-material gifts. Tickets to a sporting event, movie, play, or concert are a real treat!
- When you go shopping, bring your own reusable bags.
- Think durable, consider how long an item will last before you make a purchase. Often, a cheaper item will wear out long before its durable equivalent.
- Always remember to look to purchase items made with recycled content.
- Start a tradition of Christmas stockings for each person. Little gifts can be put into the stocking without being wrapped. The stockings can be used year after year.
- Hide the large unwieldy gift somewhere in the house or yard and give the person a card with a clue, or a series of clue cards to lead them to the present.

Reuse:

- Design your own giftwrap by using a paper grocery or department store bag and adding decorations such as drawings, stamped patterns, or pictures cut from magazines. Let the kids do the designing. It will keep them busy on stormy days.
- Purchase sturdier gift bags (or save the ones that you receive) that can be used again for another present.
- Save those gifts boxes and use them again. Many gift boxes fold down and take little room to store in a closet or cabinet.

Recycle:

The New Year is a great time to consider new ways that you can do your part to recycle and preserve natural resources.

- Become a part of the loop by buying recycled products. By purchasing recycled products, you can increase the demand for recycled products and, therefore, reduce the cost of recycling.



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