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Think Blue, It's Easy To Do!

The community's response to Rainbow Disposal's recycling program has been fantastic and has prevented a lot of recyclable material from being buried in the landfill. But with very little effort, the blue recycling cart can be used even more. Just remember that all cardboard, plastic, glass and metal containers, even empty aerosol cans and aluminum foil, can go into the blue cart. So before you place something in the trash can, think blue, it's easy to do!

Newspapers
Junkmail
Pizza Boxes (clean)
Condiment Bottles
Detergent Bottles
Yogurt Cups
Plastic Bags
Pet Food Cans

Did You Know?



Approximately 465 trees are used to supply the average American with a lifetime of paper. Americans end up throwing away the equivalent of more than 30 million trees in newsprint each year.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL



Christmas trees will be collected after Christmas on your regularly scheduled collection day up until **January 11, 2009**.

Trees should be no taller than 6 feet and have all lights and ornaments removed. Flocked trees are also accepted. Happy Holidays!

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD RECYCLING



Flattened, corrugated cardboard will be collected shortly before Christmas and during the two weeks after Christmas on your regularly scheduled collection day.



**LET'S SAVE WATER.
EVERY DROP COUNTS.**

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/27/08	Thursday's collection → Friday, 11/28/08 Friday's collection → Saturday, 11/29/08
Christmas	Thursday, 12/25/08	Thursday's collection → Friday, 12/26/08 Friday's collection → Saturday, 12/27/08
New Year	Thursday, 01/01/09	Thursday's collection → Friday, 01/02/09 Friday's collection → Saturday, 01/03/09

Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule

Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/27/08	Thursday's collection → Friday, 11/28/08 Friday's collection → Tuesday, 12/02/08
Christmas	Thursday, 12/25/08	Thursday's collection → Friday, 12/26/08 Friday's collection → Tuesday, 12/30/08
New Year	Thursday, 01/01/09	Thursday's collection → Friday, 01/02/09 Friday's collection → Tuesday, 01/06/09



When It Rains, It Pours... Pollutants Into Our Ocean

During the rainy season, storm water carries large amounts of trash to the ocean, where much of it ends up on local beaches. This creates a pollution problem that is unsightly and unhealthy. Unlike sewage, storm water flows directly to the ocean without treatment. That means that trash from streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and gutters flow straight to the ocean.



HELP MINIMIZE THIS PROBLEM:

1. Use a broom and dustpan to clean the driveway, not a hose or leaf-blower.
2. Dispose of trash in trash containers and recyclable materials in recycling bins.
3. Use ashtrays for cigarette butts.
4. Wash your car at commercial facilities whenever possible.
5. Remove vehicles from the street on street-sweeping days.

Plastics Defined...

Rainbow Disposal likes to recycle plastic. Ever find yourself staring at the bottom of a plastic bottle wondering what the numbers and letters mean? These symbols are "recycling codes" that identify the type of plastic and resin content. They help simplify the process of recycling plastics.



	POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET, PETE) Commonly used for soda bottles.
	HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) Commonly used for milk jugs, detergent containers.
	VINYL/POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) Commonly used for pipes and sidings, carpet backing and windows.
	LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE) Commonly used for packaging food, like bread and produce as well as garment bags from the cleaners.
	POLYPROPYLENE (PP) Commonly used for ketchup bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs and medicine bottles.
	POLYSTYRENE (PS) Commonly used for grocery store meat trays, egg cartons, cups, plates, cutlery.
	ALL OTHER PLASTICS (OTHER) Category includes containers from more than one resin type.

Gaining 4 Pounds Per Day?



Each person in the U.S. generates about four pounds of garbage every day. Though recycling is a step in the right direction, it's not enough. It doesn't take much effort to reduce waste. Approximately one-third of our household waste comes from the packaging of products. If we think before we buy, and buy just what we need—with reuse in mind—we can save money and help conserve resources while we shop.

Talking Trash

Did you know that the City's contracted waste hauler, Rainbow Disposal, provides **FREE** bulky item pick-up for residents with curbside service? This free service, known as the "10/4 Program," provides residents with up to four (4) bulky item pick-ups per year, and up to ten (10) items per collection.



To receive bulky item collection service, please contact Rainbow Disposal at (714) 847-3581 or visit www.rainbowdisposal.com for more information.

FAST FACT:



Today's plastics are made from natural gas and petroleum, but the original plastics were made from cornstarch! Plastics are made by linking small single chemical units called monomers. The monomers are joined together in repetition to form one large molecule called a polymer.

Battery Recycling... It's a Positive (+) Thing

The City of Fountain Valley offers residents the convenience of recycling used household batteries at two recycling stations located inside the Fountain Valley Recreation Center and Senior Center at 16400 Brookhurst Street and 17967 Bushard Street, respectively.



Acceptable battery types include all household AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 volt, rechargeable batteries and cell phone batteries. Vehicle batteries and batteries from businesses are not accepted.

Before dropping off your batteries, please tape the positive (+) ends. Batteries that are not 100% discharged may come into contact with each other and create a short that causes a battery to overheat and possibly result in fire. By taping the positive (+) end of batteries, you may eliminate the possibility of accidents from occurring during storage and shipping.

Be Sharp Safe



It is now illegal to dispose of sharps with the household trash or recyclable materials. Place used sharps in a heavy-duty, rigid, leak-proof, and puncture resistant plastic container with a tight fitting lid such as an empty bleach or laundry detergent bottle. Take sealed containers to the nearest Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, Rainbow Disposal, located at 17121 Nichols Street in the City of Huntington Beach. Open from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Tuesday through Saturday (except rainy days). **Closed on Sunday and Monday.**