

9 Nine Things Fountain Valley Has Done to Help the Environment

1 Reduced energy use at City facilities by installing high efficiency fluorescent bulbs, motion sensor light switches, and sky lights.



2 Replaced full-size non-emergency vehicles with hybrid compact cars, CNG powered trucks, and GEM vehicles to reduce air pollution and gasoline use.



3 Established battery recycling drop-off locations (Senior Center and FV Recreation Center), organized quarterly electronic waste events, and implemented residential recycling program through Rainbow Disposal to support recycling efforts and reduce landfill waste.



4 Upgraded landscape irrigation systems and controllers at City parks to reduce water consumption by as much as 30%.



5 Installed special filters on diesel trucks to remove soot from the diesel engine exhaust, thereby reducing air pollution.



6 Transitioned from incandescent traffic signal lights to LED lights to provide energy savings and increase visibility.



7 Diverted used tires from landfills by utilizing rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) for pavement projects. Two projects used up to 15,905 tons of RAC, and consumed 37,000 recycled tires to pave three linear miles of road. Vertically stacking all 37,000 tires would equal 24,666 ft. or 4.67 miles in height!



8 Converted water well pump systems from natural gas-powered to more efficient electric-powered systems.



9 Implemented \$25 parkway tree planting program. Don't have a tree by the curb in front of your property? Call the City at (714) 593-4433 to order an approved tree for \$25.



Holiday Tree Shopping?

Select a fresh tree. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break. On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Look for a trunk sticky with sap.

Artificial trees. Choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the UL label.

City Hall Holiday Schedule

In observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, City Hall will be closed the following days:

November 26, 27
December 25, 28-31
January 1

Psst!

Holiday trees will be collected after Christmas Day on your regularly scheduled collection day up until January 15, 2010.

In the winter, lawns do not need weekly mowing and require much less water. Species such as Bermuda grasses are dormant in the winter and only require water once every 3-4 weeks or less if it rains. Reset the irrigation clock to water less frequently. Redirect water from downspouts, and channel it across lawns and into garden beds away from the house.

Things You Can Do to Help the Environment

- 1** Switch to fluorescent bulbs. For lights with several bulbs, try mixing incandescent and fluorescent bulbs for a better "glow."
- 2** Bring your household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (17121 Nichols Street-Gate 6, Huntington Beach).
- 3** Check landscape irrigation for leaks and fix them. Before and just after a good storm, temporarily turn off your sprinklers. Why water in the rain?
- 4** Reduce those plastic bags by using reusable bags. For small purchases, try skipping the bag altogether.

'Tis the Season to Give

Volunteer your time. Donate blood. There is so much you can do. Now is the perfect time of the year to clean out the house and donate unwanted items to local non-profit organizations. Below are just a few.

Working Wardrobes
11614 Martens River Circle
workingwardrobes.org

Goodwill Attended Donation Center
9080 Talbert Ave.
(Btw. Talbert & Magnolia)
ocgoodwill.org

American Red Cross Blood Services
17800 Newhope Ave., STE A
1-800-GIVE-LIFE

10/4 Pick-Up Program

Rainbow Disposal offers the 10/4 Pick-Up Program for residents! Up to ten (10) items per pick-up, four (4) times per year, may be picked-up at no charge. These items include bagged trash, yard waste (bundled and tied weighing no more than forty (40) pounds or no longer than 4 feet in length), old appliances, furniture, and other bulky items. You must call Rainbow Disposal to schedule a 10/4 pick-up (714) 847-3581.

Did you know?

It's true! When you hose down your driveway, or over-water your lawn, all of the trash and pollutants flow untreated into the ocean. Yikes! Cut back on the water and use a broom!

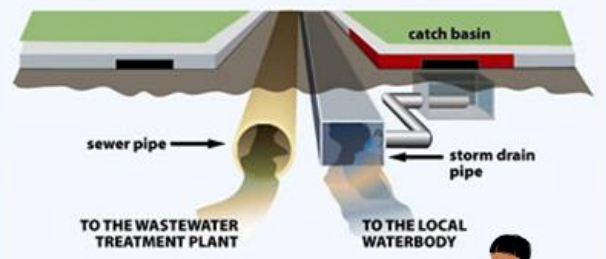


Catch Basin Markers



We've been busy installing catch basin markers at various locations throughout the City. In total, 750 catch basin markers will be installed over the next two years. The new thermo-plastic markers are attached to the cement basins using a torch, which make them difficult to remove. The white markers with reflection beads and a blue background read, "No Dumping! Drains to the Ocean." We hope this change will heighten public awareness and increase visibility from the street.

Storm Drain Systems are Separate from Wastewater Systems



Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule

| Holiday | Regularly Scheduled Day | New Collection Day |
|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, 11/26/09 | Thursday's collection → Friday, 11/27/09 Friday's collection → Tuesday, 12/01/09 |
| Christmas | Friday, 12/25/09 | Friday's collection → Tuesday, 12/29/09 |
| New Year | Friday, 01/01/10 | Friday's collection → Tuesday, 01/05/10 |

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

| Holiday | Regularly Scheduled Day | New Collection Day |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, 11/26/09 | Thursday's collection → Friday, 11/27/09 Friday's collection → Saturday, 11/28/09 |
| Christmas | Friday, 12/25/09 | Friday's collection → Saturday, 12/26/09 |
| New Year | Friday, 01/01/10 | Friday's collection → Saturday, 01/02/10 |