

# BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

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## SPOTLIGHT: HOSPICE OF MORONGO BASIN / THRIFT SHOP

Hospice of Morongo Basin (HMB) is an independent, community-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and was incorporated in 1982. HMB serves the residents of the Morongo Basin by providing Patient Care Volunteers to any patient in

the last phases of a terminal illness, Bereavement Support Groups to all who are suffering the grief after the loss of a loved one, Teen-Age Support Groups, Children's Support Groups, and presentations

throughout the year for many organizations. Kay Star is the Patient Care Volunteer Program Coordinator and Dianne Swella is the Bereavement Program Coordinator. It is their care and concern for all individuals that keeps the programs running smoothly and servicing the increasing number of people coming to HMB for support.

The Hospice Thrift Shop is HMB base of income. HMB also contracts with county & independent services that allow us to provide all of our

services free of charge.

Robin Ruggeri, Executive Director, helps keep the organization in compliance with all contracts, purchases, daily operation and finding ways to help reduce expenses and waste. All of the

meetings," said Robin. Beside beverage container recycling and reuse a shoe. HMB also recycled and/or reused: cardboard; plastic bags, newspapers and shredded paper; paper used only once is reused for note paper.



HMB Volunteers

HMB staff and volunteers are very grateful to all who donate which helps HMB provide its services to the community.

team members, this includes staff as well as volunteers, work very diligently at reducing waste and recycling. "We work closely with the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) in the beverage container recycling program. HMB collected 6620 pounds or 3.31 tons of plastic, aluminum and glass beverage containers since 2008 and 500 tennis shoes for the Nike's Reuse a Shoe Program. The extra revenue is used to purchase supplies and support volunteers



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### Planet Earth

Taking care of planet Earth  
Is what we like to do.  
We won't pollute  
We give a hoot.  
Waste's a disgrace.  
Keep litter in it's place.  
Now - how about you?



## REUSE IDEAS

Ever wonder what you can do with that glass bottle or jar, greeting cards, etc....here's some ideas that will impress you...

### Plastic Grocery Bags



*Use reusable tote bags.*

- Use to line garbage cans in your bathroom or office.
- Use to discard pet waste from litter boxes or dog walks.
- Use as a travel recycling bag – keep in your car, purse or suitcase to collect recyclables while on the go.

### Shower Curtains

- Use as a tarp for covering outdoor equipment.
- Use as a drop cloth for painting or crafts.
- Cover outdoor plants to prevent freezing.

### Fabric Softener Sheets

- Place in your sock drawer to help keep your socks smelling clean.

- Use as dusters throughout the house.
- Buff chrome, i.e. appliances or hubcaps.

### Egg Cartons

- Use to sprout seedlings for your garden.
- Break them into smaller pieces and use them to protect items while shipping or in storage.
- Use to store different odds and ends like ping-pong balls, rings, watches, hair ties or bobby pins.

### Glass Bottles/Jars

- Use old wine or beer bottles as a candle holder. The wax dripping down the sides will create a nice effect.
- Use as a vase decorate as you like.

### Broken Pottery

- Plant that broken ceramic or terracotta pot in your garden.



- Use for storage of gardening tools.

### Greeting Cards

- Make a bowl or basket.
- Use as bookmarks.
- Make into an ornament / gift boxes.
- Make into gift tags by cutting an old card with pinking shears, punching a hole in the corner, and tying the pieces together. Add the name and a note inside.

### Prescription Bottles (remove label)

- Use for safe storage of thumbtacks.
- Use for spill-proof storage of paperclips or change in a bag.
- Fill with household odds and ends nuts, bolts, buttons, etc.

For additional reuse ideas visit:

- ⇒ [www.recycling-revolution.com/reuse-trash-ideas](http://www.recycling-revolution.com/reuse-trash-ideas).
- ⇒ [www.earth911.com/reuse/get-those-reuse-ideas-flowing/th911.com](http://www.earth911.com/reuse/get-those-reuse-ideas-flowing/th911.com)
- ⇒ [www.familycrafts.about.com](http://www.familycrafts.about.com)
- ⇒ [www.sbcountymax.org](http://www.sbcountymax.org)

## BETTER BATTERY LIFE

**Q:** What are some things consumers can do to prolong the life of batteries?

**A:** There are several, small tweaks to your daily interaction with your electronics that can noticeably prolong the life of

your battery.

For laptop computers (which typically use lithium-ion batteries). Near the battery is a small fan that runs to avoid the overheating of the computer.



When this fan gets muddled with dust and lint from clothing, bedding or other materials, the fan has to run harder, using more battery life. Laptops perform best when actually used on a desk (how

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## MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING

**Q:** Is recycling an option at mobile home parks or apartments?

**A:** Yes! The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division will work with property managers/owners and refuse haulers to provide you with collection bins for all your recyclable materials.

You will also be provided an indoor recycling container to collect your recyclables and put in to the

appropriate outdoor recycling bin. These MURFE's or "Multi Unit Recyclers For Everyone" have a capacity of six gallons, they are light and have a handle for easy carrying. They will not clutter up small spaces and are great to keep your recyclables separated from the trash.

If you are already separating your bottles and cans for California Refund Value, you do not need to stop doing that, this pro-

gram is set up to also collect materials such as paper, cardboard, glass, etc. This service is not available in all areas,

MURFE bins available while supplies last. Call 1-800-722-8004 for more information



## ZERO WASTE COMMUNITIES OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

ADELANTO | APPLE VALLEY | BARSTOW | BIG BEAR LAKE | COLTON | FONTANA | GRAND TERRACE | HESPERIA | HIGHLAND | LOMA LINDA | RIALTO | SAN BERNARDINO CITY | SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | TWENTYNINE PALMS | VICTORVILLE | YUCAIPA | YUCCA VALLEY

Zero Waste Communities of San Bernardino County is made up of 16 cities and the County of San Bernardino.

They have partnered to educate their residents and businesses on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. Reducing waste will prolong the life of our landfill, ensuring a better quality of life.

Please visit their website for more information on how, what and where you can recycle items at home or for your business.



Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, MV



Wrightwood

## BETTER BATTERY LIFE

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ironic is that?).

For cell phone batteries, the quickest drain is forcing usage when the reception is low. If you only see one bar, it may not be the best time to update your

Facebook status.

Other tips for maximizing general rechargeable battery life include never leaving them in the charger while fully charged; let the discharged battery cool to room temperature before charging and re-

charge batteries only when they are close to being fully discharged. We have also heard that because rechargeable batteries have a high leakage rate, storing them in your refrigerator or freezer once they are charged will decrease their drain. *(source: earth911.com)*

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*Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink....*



The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) is responsible for the operation and management of the County of San Bernardino's solid waste disposal system which consists of five regional landfills, eight transfer stations and three community collection centers.

Also, the Division administers the County's solid waste handling franchise program and the refuse collection permit program which authorizes and regulates trash collection by private haulers in the unincorporated area.

SWMD offers a wide variety of waste reduction and recycling resources to its unincorporated county area residents and businesses with the goal of greening our environment. Reducing the amount of material being put into landfills will help preserve our limited landfill capacity, thereby delaying the need for more costly waste disposal



## COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY CLEANUP & RECYCLING DAYS

Countywide Community Cleanup & Recycling Days happens twice a year, the 2nd Saturday in April and 4th Saturday in October.

On these days, San Bernardino County residents can dispose of and recycle regular household trash and debris at no charge at all San Bernardino County owned solid waste disposal sites.

Many areas organize roadside or public area cleanup events or competitions. This semi-annual also serves to remind residents to recycle as much as they can, thereby reducing the amount of materials they have to take to the landfills.

For disposal sites and hours and any

other information please call San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division at 1-800-722-8004 or visit [www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste).

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October 23, 2010**

