

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



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The County's CRV Recycling Programs Keeps Growing

San Bernardino County's latest applicant planning to start a recycling program is Camp de Benneville Pines in the mountains of Angelus Oaks, CA.

The Camp's program will focus on the collection of bottles and cans that are eligible for California's Redemption Value. With thousands of visitors to the camp site annually, the site will feature 12 specially designed and labeled bins for campers to use during their stay. The containers will be placed throughout the camp site, including the dorm areas and main lodge. Each bin will be easily identifiable, and will include signage as to distinguish the specialty bins from trash receptacles.

Because of the uniqueness of the Camp's location, containers will be "Bear Proof," as to discourage pillaging by local and wild inhabitants.

Visitors to Camp de Benneville Pines will find helpful information about recycling readily available during their stay. The Camp's program will offer a brochure, and articles in the Camp's newsletter highlighting various types of recycling actions taking place at the Camp. County funded signs throughout the grounds will remind visitors of the importance of their participation.

"We see adding this program as a part of our overall commitment to resource preservation," states the Camp Executive Director, Janet James.

With the implementation of such an easy-to-use collection program, Camp de Benneville Pines expects to collect hundreds of pounds of bottles and cans annually. The monies redeemed will go to support the Camp's continuing effort to reduce its footprint and preserve the outdoor beauty of the Camp's grounds.

The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division is proud to support such important conservation efforts by local entities.



Billions in Bottles

Over the last couple of years, Californians recycled an average of 49,863,014 beverage containers each day, totaling 18.2 billion beverage containers for the year. This saved the equivalent of 5.3 million barrels of oil and reduced the equivalent of 1.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in greenhouse gas emissions, which equates to eliminating the energy consumption of more than 276,000 households for one year.*

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Shopping the Environmentally Friendly Way-BYOB

Every year, Americans throw away over 100 billion plastic bags.

One simple way to cut down on waste is to just say “No thanks!” The next time you go shopping at your favorite store in the County; whether to the grocery store or the shopping mall, bring your own reusable shopping bag [BYOB]. From mesh to canvas, you can choose from many styles and sizes of durable shopping bags.

Don't worry; if you're not sure which type is more fashionable for the occasion, bringing your own bag is always the right choice.

Going green is always in style!



Three Simple Ways to Be an Eco-Star

County of San Bernardino has many groups, schools, businesses participating in its CRV Program. Together, these participants have helped recycle nearly 18,000 pounds of materials.

While you may not be federally recognized non-profit, you can surely contribute as an environmentally conscious individual. Here are just a few things you can do in your daily life to help keep the County healthy, clean, prosperous, and green:

1. Buying concentrated products or the largest size possible for your use can reduce the number of bottles and cans you need to manage.
2. Using bottles and cans made with recycled content helps keep recycling programs sustainable.
3. Metal food and beverage containers can be recycled in a curb-side program or a drop-off recycling centers. If you live in an apartment or multi-family building, ask your building manager about recycling in your area.



Did you know...

What is PET?

PET, or polyethylene terephthalate, is a thermoplastic polymer resin that is commonly used in beverage and food containers.

Most plastic bottles/jugs are 100% recyclable with plastics #1 & 2 being the most common types.

Around 802 thousand tons of PET plastic bottles were recycled nationwide in 2011, but more than two times as much PET was wasted: 1.9 million tons.

<http://www.container-recycling.org/index.php/factsstatistics/plastic>

FUN-N-GAMES



USE THESE WORDS

aluminum	money
garbage	energy
landfill	animals
resources	materials
everyone	pollution
save	glass

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RecycleRex/images/>



The important thing to do is keep recycling what we can and supporting those who are looking for alternative options. It's only a matter of time until every plastic from number one to number seven is easily recyclable.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PETE	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
polyethylene terephthalate	high-density polyethylene	polyvinyl chloride	low-density polyethylene	polypropylene	polystyrene	other plastics, including acrylic, polycarbonate, polyactic fibers, nylon, fiberglass
soft drink bottles, mineral water, fruit juice containers and cooking oil	milk jugs, cleaning agents, laundry detergents, bleaching agents, shampoo bottles, washing and shower soaps	trays for sweets, fruit, plastic packing (bubble foil) and food foils to wrap the foodstuff	crushed bottles, shopping bags, highly-resistant sacks and most of the wrappings	furniture, consumers, luggage, toys as well as bumpers, lining and external borders of the cars	toys, hard packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewellery, audio cassettes, CD cases, vending cups	an example of one type is a polycarbonate used for CD production and baby feeding bottles

Do you know of anyone who would like to start a beverage container recycling program?

Contact us for more information.



"Our job is to create a county in which those who reside and invest can prosper and achieve well-being."
-part of the County Vision

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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.

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 space, thereby delaying the need for more costly waste disposal.



Stop by and visit us at the following venues. For additional information please visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste/events.asp> or call 909/386-8701 or 800/722-8004.