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The Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force presents

Local Trash Talk

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**STOP
Illegal Dumping**
www.STOPillegaldumping.com
1 (888) 8 DUMPING

The Antelope Valley
Illegal Dumping
Task Force
meets at 3 p.m. on
the second
Wednesday of every
month at:
Fire Station No. 129
Training Center
42110 6th St. West
Lancaster, CA



Illegal Dumping site

For more
information on
the County's
efforts to curb
illegal dumping,
please visit
CleanLA.com

**"Keeping the
Antelope Valley
Beautiful"**



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Camera Catches Illegal Waste Dumper

An automated camera installed at an illegal dumping site in the Antelope Valley area has resulted in the arrest of a Los Angeles man suspected of dumping toilet waste from a travel trailer. The motion-activated camera, installed last year photographed a man unscrewing the cover from a trailer's waste discharge pipe and dumping liquid on the ground. "It appears, based on the photos, that it's waste from the toilet tank," LA County Sheriff Deputy Robert Ferrell said. Ezra Tejada, 37, was arrested on suspicion of violating a state health and safety law that bans dumping human waste on a public road,



and appeared in court on February 9, 2011. The camera was installed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health which has responsibility over health hazards including toxic spills. Deputy Robert Ferrell, who regularly attends meetings of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force, said most illegal dumping investigations stemmed from public calls or tips to the illegal dumping hotline.

Residents can report illegal dumping at 1(888)-8DUMPING — 1(888)-838-6746 or through the web at www.stopillegaldumping.com

Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)

Antelope Valley residents can take their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC). The AVECC is a free and convenient way for residents to dispose of unwanted HHW/E-Waste, such as paint, solvents, chemicals, computers, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent lights, and other household hazardous materials. The AVECC is located at the Antelope Valley Public Landfill in the City of Palmdale at 1200 West City Ranch Road. The AVECC is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9 am until 3 pm. A special Earth Day HHW/E-Waste Collection event will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9 am to 3pm.

It is important to remember that it is illegal to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste at any given time. Residents can make multiple trips to the center as long as it is during the hours of operation and residents abide by the transportation limit.



Business waste is not accepted at the AVECC. If you are a business, please visit www.businessrecycling.com for more information on where you can properly dispose of hazardous waste. Please keep in mind that the Antelope Valley Public Landfill and AVECC are separate facilities. For more information on the landfill's hours of operation, please contact Waste Management at 1-800-WMDisposal.

For more information on the AVECC, please visit www.CleanLA.com or call 1 (888) CLEAN-LA.

Calendar

(www.CleanLA.com)

- **FREE Dump Day for Unincorporated County Area residents at Waste Management of Lancaster April 16, 2011 (8 am to 12 pm)**
- **FREE Waste Tire Collection Event for all Antelope Valley residents April 30, 2011 (9 am to 3 pm)**
- **FREE HHW / E-Waste Collection: 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at the AVECC (9 am to 3 pm). Also open on Saturday, April 9, 2011 (9 am to 3 pm).**
- **FREE HHW/E-Waste Collection Event in Lake Los Angeles area April 30, 2011 (9 am to 3 pm)**

To report an abandoned shopping cart, call the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Hotline:

1 (800) 252-4613

or email to:

abcShoppingCarts1@yahoo.com

If you would like to contribute an article for *Local Trash Talk*, please contact the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division at (626) 458-3563.



Adopt-A-Highway Spotlight for EconoWest Inc.

The Mission

The Los Angeles County Adopt-A-Highway Program provides individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and public agencies with a unique opportunity to gain prominent recognition while beautifying the environment within their own communities. By collecting roadside litter or removing graffiti on walls and bridges, participants could foster community pride and save taxpayer dollars.

We want to recognize and congratulate EconoWest Inc. for their participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Since April 2002, they serviced the following locations: Bouquet Canyon Road, Lake Elizabeth Road, Sierra Hwy. at Avenue D, Soledad Canyon Road in Acton, and Sierra Hwy. in Agua Dulce. The following employees from EconoWest Inc. participate in the program for the following reasons: Dave Kerr "Growing up in Palmdale, with pride", Christian Kerr "Cleaning up my town makes me feel proud", Sarah Kerr "Cleaning up is just my part in the community", Mike Vang "Very proud of my work", Jessica Shaffstall "Proud to help out when I can for the community", and Melody Blucher "Just doing my part for Palmdale and Lancaster".

For more information on the Adopt-A-Highway program, please contact Louis Darbeau of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at (661) 947-7173.



A Cleaner Future for the Antelope Valley

County Ordinance to Phase Out Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags

Too often, single-use plastic carryout bags are seen littered in our communities, such as in the photo below. Over 6 billion bags are handed out in stores in L.A. County every year! The bags are lightweight, and therefore fly out of trash bins too easily to become litter. To combat these "urban tumbleweeds" L.A. County Supervisors took decisive action to prohibit single-use plastic carryout bags. Effective July 1, 2011, at supermarkets and large retail stores with a pharmacy, and by January 1, 2012, at all other grocery stores, convenience stores, foodmarts, and pharmacies, retailers will no longer provide single-use plastic carryout bags. Instead, customers may use their own reusable bags or buy recyclable paper carryout bags for a charge of ten cents per bag. All reusable bags sold after the effective dates will comply with all State and Federal requirements on permissible levels of lead and other heavy metals. In coming months,

limited numbers of reusable bags will be distributed to residents through various County-sponsored events. We encourage every resident to start bringing reusable bags every time they shop in order to prevent litter and pollution in our communities. For more information, visit www.AboutTheBag.com

