

Pick up your free sharps container at any of the following distribution sites.

DISTRIBUTION SITES:

Visit www.888CleanLA.com for operating hours and information on upcoming collection events.

- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works**
900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, 91803
- **AVECC (Antelope Valley)**
1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale, 93551

- **City of West Covina**
Senior Citizens Center, 2501 E. Cortez Ave, West Covina, 91791
Cameron Community Center, 1305 E. Cameron Ave, West Covina, 91791

- **Goodwill stores**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details

- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details

- **HHW mobile collection events**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details

- **City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. centers:**
 - > **San Pedro: Gaffey Street**
1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, 90021
 - > **Los Angeles: Glendale**
4600 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90039
 - > **Playa del Rey: Hyperion Treatment Plant**
7660 W. Imperial Hwy, Gate B, Playa del Rey, 90293
 - > **Sun Valley: Randall Street**
11025 Randall Street, Sun Valley, 91352
 - > **West Los Angeles: UCLA**
550 Charles E. Young Drive West, Los Angeles 90095
 - > **Los Angeles: Washington Blvd.**
2649 E. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90021

When your container is 3/4 full, return it to any of the collection sites listed below for proper disposal.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON:

County's

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Visit our website,

www.888CleanLA.com

or call our Hotline,

1 (888) CLEAN LA

1 (888) 253-2652

City of Los Angeles' Program

Call the Bureau of Sanitation Hotline,

1 (800) 98-TOXIC

1 (800) 988-6942

Torrance Public Works

(310) 781-6900

or visit our website

www.torrenet.com/publicworks

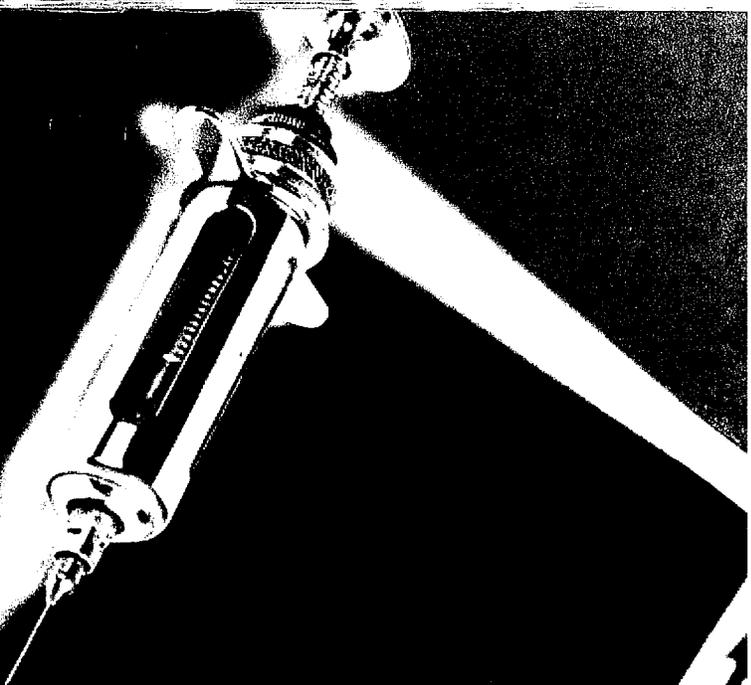


Upon 72 hours' notice, Public Works can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 S. Fremont Ave.), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY or for more Americans with Disabilities Act information, please contact our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works



Do the right thing and save your environment!
Learn how to dispose of your sharps properly.



County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Environmental Programs Division
Household Hazardous Waste Management Program
www.888CleanLA.com
1 (888) CLEAN LA

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is home-generated sharps waste?

"Home-generated sharps waste" means hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household, including a multifamily residence or household.

Can I throw my sharps in the trash?

No, it is illegal. If you self-inject at home, State law prohibits disposal of your sharps in the trash.

Where do I place my sharps once they have been used?

You must place your sharps in a proper container. You can pick one up for free at the County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events or at the City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. centers. More distribution centers are listed on the back. Another alternative is to place them in a container that does not leak, break, or puncture. It must be taped, sealed and labeled "SHARPS".

Once filled, how can I dispose of my sharps container?

When your sharps container is about 3/4 full, seal it tightly (per the instructions on the container) and take it to any of the County's free Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC), the City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. Centers, or a Department of Public Health clinic.

What happens when sharps are not properly disposed?

Sanitation and landfill workers or anyone that handles your trash can be injured. Also, leakage may occur from leftover liquid in sharps and contaminate groundwater, rivers, and the ocean.



Safely manage your SHARPS WASTE

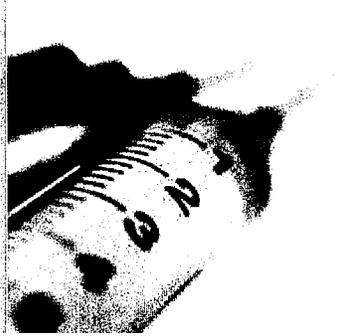
- The safest way to dispose of sharps waste is to use only State-approved sharps containers. Check availability at the distribution sites or ask your pharmacist or doctor about them.
- If you use a plastic bottle, do not use water bottles. They are made of plastic that will puncture. Use a clean bleach or detergent bottle. Seal the top with tape and label the container "SHARPS".
- Do not fill your container to the top, only until it is about 3/4 full. Seal it securely.
- Do NOT flush your sharps waste or medications down the toilet or drain.
- Do NOT place your sharps waste in the trash, green waste, or recycling bin.
- Keep your sharps containers out of reach of children and pets.

Safely dispose of your sharps container by bringing it to any of the following collection sites:

- 1) Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events - For locations near you, visit www.888CleanLA.com or call **1 (888) CLEAN LA**
- 2) AVECC in Antelope Valley - For information, visit www.888CleanLA.com or call **1 (888) CLEAN LA**
- 3) City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. Centers - For information, call **1 (800) 98-TOXIC**
- 4) Department of Public Health - For clinic locations, visit www.888CleanLA.com



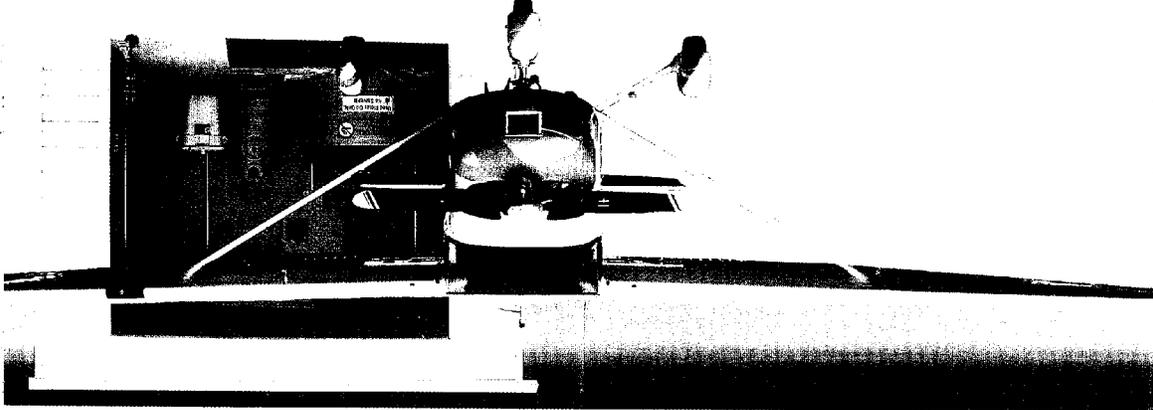
Do the right thing and save your environment -- dispose of your sharps waste properly!



Too Toxic to Trash!

Free and easy ways
to safely dispose or recycle used oil
and other hazardous materials
at the Torrance Airport

*Check inside
to see how to recycle or dispose of
these materials safely and properly.
Thank you
for your cooperation in keeping
the airport safe and clean!*



Every year, more than 20 million gallons of used motor oil in the Los Angeles area are dumped into our environment. The oil that pollutes our groundwater and ocean comes from the seemingly harmless drip that leaks from our cars onto the street, and from the "do-it-yourselfers" who dump oil in vacant lots, trash cans, or storm drains. Not only are these dumping practices harmful to the environment, they are also illegal and can lead to expensive fines.

However, with the free used oil and filter recycling station located at the Torrance airport, there is no reason to improperly or illegally dispose of the oil drained from your car or airplane.

- 1- Get your free oil and filter recycling container at the main airport office.
- 2- When you have oil and filters for recycling, bring them to the recycling station in the

Do not dispose of hazardous materials such as batteries, solvents, paints, motor oil, or even electronics like TV monitors or computers in the airport trash containers or down a storm drain. Such materials may be safely recycled or disposed of free at:

S.A.F.E. Center
(Solvents, Automotive, Flammable, Electronics - a permanent drop-off location for safe disposal or recycling)
1400 N. Gaffy, San Pedro
Hours of Operation:
Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
For information, call 800-98-TOXIC (800-988-6942) or www.888cleanla.com
In addition, there are free, periodic collection events that occur on Saturdays throughout the LA County area. These are announced in the

Trash cans are not for oil, batteries or chemicals - just regular solid waste that is not dangerous, liquid or recyclable! Do not dump oil or hazardous wastes in or around the trash cans, around the maintenance yard of the Operations office or anywhere else on airport property! Putting materials that do not belong with regular trash in the waste containers provided at the airport or anywhere else on airport property is illegal dumping, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.



Washing of airplanes anywhere other than the wash racks is prohibited. The California Storm Water Program regulations require the elimination of run-off materials, some of which can come from washing airplanes in non-designated areas.



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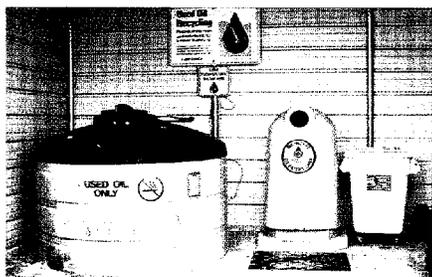
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Why do we need to recycle Used Motor Oil, Electronics and other Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)?

Used motor oil contains many toxins. Many electronic devices contain lead. HHW can include chemicals that are poisonous, flammable, corrosive or combustible. When these materials are disposed of improperly, they can cause damage to our air, water, plants, animals and fellow human beings.

What Toxins are Found in Used Motor Oil?

As motor oil circulates through an engine, it picks up heavy metals and chemicals. Arsenic, lead, magnesium, cadmium, copper, zinc,



chromium, chlorides and PCBs are some of the toxins found in used motor oil.

How do you know when something is a HHW?

Read the labels and look for the words or symbols indicating "toxic", "poison", "flammable", "corrosive", "combustible", "reactive" or something similar. These words let you know that if the product is not used properly or not disposed properly, the environment can be damaged. Because of the potential damage to the environment, the product is a HHW.

What are some Examples of HHW?

Some common examples of HHW include paint, batteries, pesticide, glue, oven cleanser, shoe polish, fertilizer, insecticide, antifreeze and hair spray. For more information, call the Torrance Public Works Department at 781-6900 or at www.tornnet.com

Why is it Wrong to Pour Used Oil or HHW on the Ground?



causing contamination. In addition, used oil and HHW put into a landfill can eventually leak into the groundwater.

Why is it Wrong to Pour Used Oil or HHW Down a Street Storm Drain?

All Southern California storm drains flow directly to the ocean. Used oil and HHW are not only damaging to the plants and animals living in the ocean, they are also unhealthy for the people swimming and wading in the ocean. In addition, the toxins in used oil and HHW can become concentrated in the fish we eat.

Why is it Wrong to Pour Used Oil or HHW Down Household Drains?

Everything that goes down your household drain flows first to a sewage treatment plant, then into the ocean. Sewage treatment plants are equipped to deal with human waste. They are not as effective at removing chemicals. In fact, oil actually kills the good bacteria that a treatment plant uses to purify sewage.

Does the Amount of Oil in One Oil Change Really Have Such a Big Impact on the Environment?

Absolutely. Every discharge of oil has a significant impact. One gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.

Can Used Oil, HHW or Electronics be Recycled?

Yes. Oil in particular because it never wears out, it only gets dirty. Used oil can be recycled over and over again to make re-refined oils and heating fuels. Paints and batteries can be recycled into new products. Electronics recycling recovers many materials for reuse including metal, plastic, wire and copper.

Why Recycle Oil Filters?

Oil filters are a big pollution problem. Most oil filters and the used motor oil they contain are ending up in landfills where they can leak and cause contamination. In addition to recycling the oil and protecting the environment, metal and plastics are also recovered from recycled oil filters.

How Much Used Oil and HHW Ends Up in our Ocean, Waterways and the Ground Each Year from Illegal Dumping?

Dangers of Improper Disposal

When used, stored and disposed of according to label directions, most household products pose little hazard to people or to the environment. However, these products may become hazardous when used, stored or disposed of improperly.

- Household hazardous waste illegally dumped into sewers, storm drains and trash contaminate nearby water supplies, lakes, streams and the ocean, and can endanger the health and safety of people and animals.
- Thrown in with the regular trash, household hazardous waste could eventually seep into the groundwater from landfills not permitted or intended for hazardous waste. The majority of older landfills do not have the liners and leachate collection systems of new landfills.
- When poured on the ground, household hazardous waste eventually seeps into and contaminates our groundwater and/or the ocean we swim in.
- When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste goes through the sewage system to treatment plants where it interferes with the biological treatment process by killing bacteria and contaminating the effluent that runs into the ocean, and the sludge which is reused as fertilizer.
- When hazardous waste is thrown on the street, it goes down storm drains leading into our area waterways, contaminating the Pacific Ocean and our local beaches.

The illegal dumping of hazardous waste carries a minimum fine of \$5,000 per day per violation up to \$100,000 per day per violation and imprisonment. Section 25189.5, Health & Safety Code.



Safe Use, Storage and Disposal Practices

- Think carefully before buying a product. Do you really need it? Do you already have something similar?
- Buy just enough to do the job.
- Look for a non-hazardous or less hazardous substitute.
- Read the label and follow use, storage and disposal directions carefully. Watch for signal words such as caution, warning, poison or danger. If directions are unclear, contact the manufacturer or dealer before using.
- Keep all chemical products and waste out of reach of children and animals.
- Keep leftover products in original labeled containers so that you can refer to directions for use and proper disposal. Always store in a safe, dry place.
- Share unused materials with others if product is in its original container with a label.
- Drain all containers thoroughly and safely before disposal. Most clean empty containers can be put in with the recycling.
- Dispose of your household hazardous wastes at local drop-off locations or events as listed in this brochure, or visit the web site at www.torri.net.com/publicworks.

- Do not dump leftover products into the street, storm drains or ground.
- Do not burn used or leftover products or product containers. Burning may produce toxic fumes and contribute to air pollution.
- Do not bury leftover products or containers in your yard or garden.
- Do not reuse pesticide or other chemical containers for other purposes.
- Do not put any household hazardous waste in the trash or indoor sink.
- Do not put products containing heavy metals (mercury, lead, nickel, chromium, cadmium, etc.) such as batteries in the trash.
- Do not repack chemical products in containers that are normally used for food or soft drinks. Children have died from drinking chemicals stored in soft drink and juice bottles.
- Do not store corrosives, flammables and poisons together. Separate these containers.
- Never mix any household hazardous materials. Dangerous reactions can occur. For example, mixing ammonia and chlorine (such as liquid bleach) produces a deadly chlorine gas.
- Do not smoke, eat or drink when handling household hazardous products.

Reducing the Amount of Household Hazardous Waste In and Around the House

One way to reduce the dangers of potential concerns associated with household hazardous waste is to use non-hazardous or less hazardous products, and when it is necessary to use a hazardous product, always be safe and smart. Protect the health of your family, neighbors, pets and the environment. Also, remember that the decisions consumers make affect the way manufacturers design products.

- Use products containing hazardous materials and fertilizers sparingly or use non-hazardous/less hazardous alternatives. (see the section below for alternative products and practices).
- Before purchasing a product, read the label carefully to make sure it will do what you want it to do. Once you buy something, you are legally responsible for disposing of it properly.
- Buy only what you need to do the job. Use it up. Give leftovers to a friend, neighbor, business or charity that can use them. Excess pesticide might be offered to a greenhouse or garden center.
- Select water-based products over solvent-based products when available (e.g. paint, glue, shoe polish).
- Avoid aerosol sprays. Choose the pump spray or other alternatives.
- Be smart when you apply pesticide or fertilizer. Do not apply before a rain. Not only will you lose most of the pesticide or fertilizer through runoff, but you will also be harming the environment. Do not overwater after application. Do not apply more than is recommended.
- Have a professional change your motor oil. For a few dollars more, you not only save yourself time and energy but can also be sure that the used motor oil collected is recycled.
- Dispose of household hazardous wastes according to the directions on the container, or at a household hazardous waste drop-off/collection event or a certified used motor oil recycling center.



For used oil recycling information and a recycling search engine - try our new site at www.recycletorrance.org

SHARPS recycling is mandatory.

It is now law that SHARPS (syringes, needles, lancets, etc) cannot be disposed as refuse and must be placed in a puncture-proof container before taking to a hazardous waste drop-off. For information on handling guidelines, free containers and additional drop off sites for SHARPS, call 888-CLEANLA or visit www.888CleanLA.com.



Alternative Garden and Pet Products*

Try these easy alternatives to minimize household hazardous products in your garden or on the lawn:

Baking soda and powdered sugar

Roach pesticide. Set out in a dish of equal amounts.

Brewer's yeast or Vitamin B

Fleas. Put small amount in pet's diet.

Eucalyptus leaves

Flea collars or sprays. Place near pet's bed.

Spices

Ant pesticide: tartar, red chili powder, paprika, dried peppermint. Pour a line at point of entry.

Spice Bay leaves

Roach pesticide. Place leaves in cracks around room.

Soap and Water

Garden and houseplant insecticide. Mist/spray.

Stale beer

Snail/slug killer. Fill a shallow pan and place in infested area.

Wood ash, peat moss, fish meal

In place of chemical fertilizers.

* the alternatives mentioned here are suggestions only and not authorized by the City

Alternative Household Cleaning Products*

Try these easy alternatives to minimize household hazardous waste products. Most of these products are very common and are found in most household cabinets:

Ammonia

Removes stains. Cleans carpets, copper, dishes, enamel, floors, Formica, garbage cans, glass, grout, jewelry, linoleum, ovens, porcelain, refrigerators, showers, stainless steel, stoves, tubs, windows and painted woodwork. (Note: Do not mix with any other products. It can cause a toxic gas. Always use in well ventilated areas.)

Baking Soda

Softens and freshens fabrics. Removes stains. Cleans and deodorizes carpets, counters, drains, refrigerators, upholstery and vinyl. Extinguishes grease fires. Scours and polishes aluminum, chrome, grout, jewelry, plastic, porcelain, silver, stainless steel and tin. (Note: Do not mix with acids such as vinegar or lemon juice.)

Cornstarch

Polishes furniture. Removes stains. Shampoos carpets and rugs. Starches clothes.

Lemon Juice

Deodorizes. Cleans windows and other glass. Removes stains from aluminum, clothes and porcelain. (Do not mix with baking soda.)

Soap and Water

Cleans cars, clothes, dishes, doors, floors, glass, jewelry, people, pets, sporting goods, tools, walls, windows and wood-work.

Steel Wool

Removes rust, rust stains and stubborn film. Scours barbecue grills and broiler pans.

Vinegar

Cleans bricks, carpets, coffee pots, dishes, fireplaces, glass, grout, paint brushes, walls and windows. Polishes metal. Removes mildew, spots, stains and wax buildup. Softens fabric. Removes paint. (Do not mix with baking soda.)

Washing Soda

Cleans and cuts grease on barbecue grills, broiler pans, concrete, drains, fireplaces, floors, ovens and walls. Improves detergent power. Removes stains. Softens water.



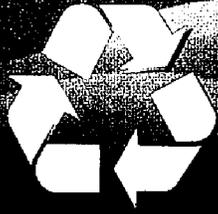
Remember ... once you purchase an electronic or household hazardous waste product, you are legally responsible for its safe disposal.

For more information please call 888-CLEAN-LA or try www.888CleanLA.com. Or contact the City of Torrance Public Works Department at 310-781-6900 or www.torri.net.com/publicworks

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Recycling Spotlight - Used Oil & Oil Filters



City of Torrance



In 2001, 160 million gallons of lubricating oil were sold in California. Approximately 40 percent—or 64 million gallons—leaked out of engines or was burned. Yet, of the remaining 96 million gallons, just 83 million gallons were recycled, leaving approximately 13 million gallons unaccounted for and possibly improperly disposed of down storm drains, into lakes or streams, or thrown in the garbage.

Used oil can contain such contaminants as lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, chromium, arsenic, chlorides, cadmium, and chlorinated compounds. Oil poured down

than 40 percent of the total oil pollution of our nation's harbors and waterways.

Used oil is very recyclable. Oil only gets dirty, it can be used over and over again when cleaned. Used oil can be re-refined into new engine oil or processed into fuel for heating. Not only does recycling oil help stop pollution, but it also conserves resources and decreases the demand for new crude oil. Unfortunately, not enough is being recycled.

What Can You Do?

Torrance has a number of certified used oil recycling collection sites that will take

drains or onto the ground can work its

uncontaminated used oil and oil filters
from the public and even pay a 14 cents per



...can be recycled by following these steps:

- Drain your car's motor oil and remove the oil filters before working



on other parts of the engine. This helps prevent contamination of the oil.

- Place your used oil into a clean, empty plastic container with a tight lid. The City of Torrance can provide free containers that can hold the used oil from two oil changes and the oil filters for recycling. Call the Public Works Department at 781-6900 to pick up your free container.
- Do not mix any other materials such as paint, bleach, antifreeze, gasoline or even water with the used oil.
- During regular business hours, take uncontaminated used oil and oil filters for recycling to one of the certified used oil collection sites listed on this flyer.
- Take any contaminated used oil to a household hazardous waste collection event or drop-off site. Call 1-888-CLEANLA or Torrance Public Works, or try the websites at www.lacsd.org or www.torrnet.com.

Fast Lube
793-7999
17490 Hawthorne Blvd.

Fast Lube
793-7999
3960 Artesia Blvd.

Hillside Chevron
378-9231
24505 Hawthorne Blvd.

Jiffy Lube #2219
(909) 592-0665
3209 190th Street

Jiffy Lube #1725
(909) 592-0665
5340 190th Street

Kragen Auto Parts #1504
373-8523
4308 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Kragen Auto Parts #1563
793-2010
4900 190th Street

Scott Robinson Honda
371-3521
20340 Hawthorne Blvd.

Scott Robinson Honda
782-7200
2280 Crenshaw Blvd.

*also takes used oil filters for recycling.
All subject to change.
Call ahead for availability and volume limitations.
The certified centers and public education of the used oil recycling program are sponsored by grants from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



Remember that illegal dumping of oil can result in fines of \$1,000 or more.

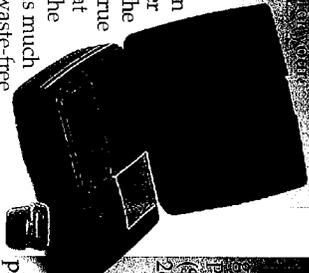
Don't dump used oil in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground...Proper disposal is essential!



**City of Torrance
Public Works Department
781-6900
www.torrnet.com**



A waste-free lunch costs about \$2.65 a day, while packing a lunch full of single-serving and disposable items costs \$4.02. That can save your family \$1.37 per child per day, or \$240 for the school year. This is also true for waste-free lunches that adults take to work, but the savings is even greater – as much as \$340 per year. Pack a waste-free lunch and save! Go to WasteFreeLunches.Org and see how to make it happen!



Update: Curbside Green Waste

The pilot green waste collection program is now in 8000 Torrance homes. When fully implemented, the program may ultimately divert up to 15,000 tons of waste a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



To expand the program citywide, sanitation service rates will need to be increased. The City Council will revisit the proposed rate increase as part of the budget review process beginning this spring.

Spring Composting Workshop

Spring Composting Workshop: Learning: Beginning workshops provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, grass cycling, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening. Palos Verdes - Botanic Gardens (\$8 entrance fee) 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Saturday, May 15 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Advanced:

Advanced workshops introduce landscape design, landscaping with native friendly plants, installing a water-efficient irrigation system, and more.

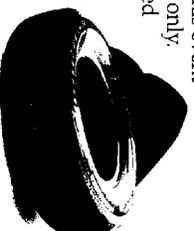


Palos Verdes - Botanic Gardens (\$8 entrance fee) 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Saturday, August 14, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Workshops will have composting bins for sale at discounted rates – see www.SmartGardening.Com for more details.

Torrance also sells composting and worm composting bins at a discounted rate of \$50 each to residents. Visit: www.TorranceCA.Gov/9216.htm.

Recycling Event on Saturday, May 20, 2010

Recycling Event on Saturday, May 20, 2010 on Grammeey Place, north side of 190th Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (between Van Ness and Western). This event is for used residential tires only. No business tires, oversized or tractor tires will be accepted. For more information, call 1-888-CLEANLA or visit www.888CleanLA.Com.



Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes items such as paint, oil, antifreeze, and other liquids. HHW should be handled or disposed of properly. Electronics are also considered hazardous waste as they contain a number of toxic components including lead, mercury and other heavy metals.

For examples of household hazardous/electronics waste products that may be found in and around your home, please go to the website at www.TorranceCA.Gov/9124.htm

To properly dispose or recycle your hazardous waste and electronics, use these options:

Los Angeles County Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Collection Events:

These are free, periodic events that occur on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at different locations throughout the County. The next events in our area are:

- SAURDAY, MAY 8, 2010**
Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall / City Yard
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010**
American Honda
1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance

Types of hazardous wastes and electronics for all County residents. Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The closest location to Torrance is: S.A.F.E. Center 1400 N. Cafferly Street, San Pedro, 90021



Walsers' Art Supply Store
23145 Kashwa Court
Torrance, CA 90505
310-891-3325

Or visit www.Walsers.Com for their recycling information, including drop off times, pickup options and materials accepted.

For unwanted medications, the City of Manhattan Beach is allowing all South Bay residents to use their free, secure drop-off at the Civic Center parking lot, 1400 Highland Avenue. Medicines must be in their original containers, with the medication's name visible, and the container sealed and not leaking. Remove or obscure patient information.

Home Depot accepts used CFL bulbs for recycling. Many hardware stores accept rechargeable batteries for recycling. A number of gas stations and auto repair shops take used oil and filters for recycling. For more options, try the search engine at www.RecycleTorrance.Org

Ocean Gardens

Open House
Landscaping

City of Torrance, in partnership with the Torrance Municipal Water District, the California State Water Resources Center, the Southern California Horticultural Society, the Torrance Horticultural Center and the Southern California Horticultural Society, invite you to attend an informative and fun workshop on "Ocean Friendly" landscaping. This workshop combines landscaping plant selection, irrigation and maintenance topics to provide a perspective regarding how to create both an aesthetically pleasing as well as functional outdoor space that meets your needs for water and enhances the local environment.

When: Saturday May 8, 2010 and Saturday June 19, 2010
 Class begins at 9 A.M.
 (Arrive by 8:45 A.M.)

Where: George Nakano Theatre
 Torrance Cultural Arts Center
 3330 Civic Center Drive
 Torrance, CA 90503
 Class is Free to General Public
 Space is Limited! Register TODAY!

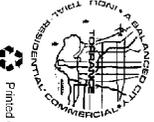
To register for these workshops call Grace at 310-371-7222 or register online at www.SBHSC.Com



What You Will Learn:

- **Conservation** of water, fertilizers, pesticides and use of gas- powered machinery (air pollutants) through use of native and/or drought resistant landscaping.
- **Permeability** through use of permeable "hardscape" materials for driveways, sidewalks and patios that permits water to percolate underground.
- **Design** of attractive landscapes that are water conserving and friendly to the environment, and which will reduce your maintenance and watering costs.
- **Runoff Reduction** by developing new or improving existing landscape areas to reduce and/or capture runoff on-site to avoid discharge of pollutants into the ocean.
- **Plants** that are adapted to our semi-arid climate, save precious water resources and provide a durable yet attractive outdoor environment.

For more information on these and other environmental programs, please contact the Torrance Public Works Department at 310-781-6900 or www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks/ or try our recycling search engine and used oil recycling site at www.RecycleTorrance.Org and www.BetterWaterWise.Com



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Earth Day 2010

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



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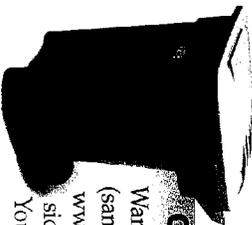
Torrance has some of the cleanest residential curbside recycling around and the efforts of our business community and commercial waste haulers have really paid off. The City thanks all of you for your help in reaching this goal!

But there is more to come – new regulations on greenhouse gas emissions will require even more recycling and waste reduction activity. We hope to have new programs for other parts of the community underway soon.

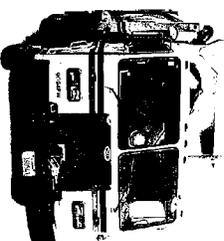
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Order new recycling containers on line!

Want to recycle more? Get a larger recycling bin! We have 96-gallon ones (same size as the trash cans) available that you can order on-line. Just go to www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks/ and look for the link on the right hand side, under "spotlight" for larger containers – fill out the form and submit. You should receive your new, larger recycling container within 2 weeks.



Public Works Open House - free at the City Yard, 20500 Madrona - Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trucks, handouts, give-aways, games, info on protecting the environment, car show - there's a lot going on. Come see what we do to keep the City of Torrance moving!



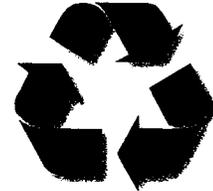
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FREE



**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING EVENT**

City of Torrance / Torrance School District
Parking Lot, 2336 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501

**Saturday, June 5
9 am - 4 pm**

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THE RECOGNIZED LEADER IN RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



Household Hazardous Waste
and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday, June 19, 2010
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

American Honda
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Enter from Harper's Way
off of Van Ness Ave.
Torrance

Open to all Los Angeles County residents

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the right way on Saturday: **JUNE 19, 2010**

BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

What you CAN bring to an event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- Household electronic waste which includes: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cellular phones, etc.

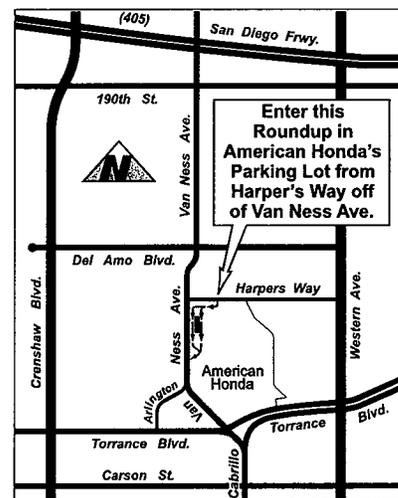
What you CAN'T bring to an event:

- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
- Controlled substances.

How to prepare items for transportation:

- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.

For a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring or information on upcoming events, contact: 1(888) CLEAN-LA • www.CleanLA.com, or 1(800) 238-0172 • www.lacsd.org.



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Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles **SHOULD NOT** be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.CLEANLA.com for alternate disposal options.



You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

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MUY TÓXICO PARA TIRAR A LA BASURA



Recolección de Desechos
Tóxicos del Hogar
y Electrónicos

Sábado, 19 de junio de 2010
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

American Honda
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Entre por Harper's Way
y Van Ness Ave.
Torrance

Abierto a todos los
residentes del Condado de Los Angeles.

Deshagase de sus Desechos Tóxicos del Hogar y Electrónicos de la Manera Correcta, el sábado: **19 de junio de 2010**

DESECHOS DE NEGOCIOS NO SERÁN ACEPTADOS.

Que puede traer al evento:

- Líquido de frenos, pintura, tiner, limpiadores con ácido, pesticidas o herbicidas, baterías de casa y automóvil, químicos de alberca, aceite de motor, filtros del aceite, medicamentos caducados, anticongelantes y lámparas de tubo fluorescentes.
- Desechos electrodomésticos, monitores de computadoras, televisiones, UPC's de computadoras, teclados, impresoras, teléfonos móviles, etc.

Lo que no puede traer:

- Desechos tóxicos y electrónicos de negocios.
- Explosivos, municiones y materiales radiactivos.
- Basura y llantas.
- Refrigeradores, estufas y lavadoras.
- Sustancias controladas.

¿Cómo preparar artículos para el transporte?

- Traiga los artículos en una caja firme, de preferencia en sus envases originales con las etiquetas.
- No mezcle productos diferentes.
- Hay un límite de 15 galones o 125 libras por viaje.
- Esté preparado para dejar sus envases y cajas. Favor de sacar todos los otros artículos de la cajuela.

Para una lista completa de lo que puede o no puede traer o para información sobre los eventos llame al: 1(888) CLEAN-LA • www.CleanLA.com, o al 1(800) 238-0172 • www.lacsd.org



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Desechos de Agujas y Jeringas Usadas de uso doméstico como agujas hipodérmicas, agujas de pluma, lancetas y agujas intravenosas **NO SE DEBEN TIRAR** en la basura. ¡ Tráigalos a los eventos de recolección o visite www.CleanLA.com para opciones alternativas de la disposición!



También puede llevar su aceite de motor usado a más de 600 centros de reciclaje en el Condado de Los Angeles. Llame al 1(888) CLEAN LA para el lugar más cercano a usted.

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RECYCLE 'EM!

Saturday, March 13th

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AutoZone – 17490 Hawthorne Blvd.

(S/E corner of Hawthorne and Artesia)

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Free Give-Aways

Bring your used motor oil and
oil filters for recycling.

For more information call

562.944.4766



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It's Quick, It's Easy and It's the Right Thing To Do!
**Visit www.recycletorrance.org for the Torrance
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AutoZone #5944
17490 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 542-2717

***EZ Lube Inc #10**
24043 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 791-8480

***EZ Lube Inc #18**
1645 Crenshaw Blvd
(310) 320-7585

***Fast Lube**
3960 Artesia Blvd
(310) 793-7999

***Firestone Complete
Auto Care**
1717 Torrance Blvd
(310) 618-8883

***Hillside Auto Repair**
24505 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 378-9231

***Infiniti South Bay**
3035 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 325-5555

***Jaguar South Bay**
3111 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 325-7525

***Jiffy Lube #1725**
5340 190th Street
(310) 214-1184

***Jiffy Lube #2219**
3209 West 190th Street
(310) 329-2277

***Kragen Auto Parts #1504**
4308 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 373-8523

***Kragen Auto Parts #1563**
4900 190th Street
(310) 793-2010

***Martin Chevrolet**
23505 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 378-0211

***Mercedes Benz of South Bay**
3233 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 534-8067

***Pep Boys #658**
3124 Sepulveda Blvd
(310) 326-3002

***Performance Plus Tire**
22707 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 373-9435

***Power Ford Torrance**
3311 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 784-4700

***Power Nissan Torrance**
20710 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 370-7401

***Power Volvo South Bay**
3010 Pacific Coast Hwy
(310) 325-3255

***Saturn of Torrance**
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(310) 370-3737

***Scott Robinson Honda**
20340 Hawthorne Blvd
(310) 371-3521

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2280 Crenshaw Blvd
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**VIEW FIVE EPISODES
ABOUT OIL DISPOSAL**



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Save the Planet One Battery at a Time



Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling

Household hazardous waste is any material – liquid, solid or gas – discarded from the home that may, due to its chemical nature, pose a health threat to humans or the environment if handled or disposed of improperly. Electronics are also considered hazardous waste as they contain a number of toxic components including lead, mercury and other heavy metals.

Improper disposal of these types of materials, such as batteries, cell phones, old medicines, needles, paints, and pesticides, allows hazardous products to enter the environment directly, polluting our soil, oceans and air quality.

To properly dispose of or recycle your hazardous waste and electronics, drop them off free at any of the following:

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Collection Events

The Next Drop-off event is:

Saturday, June 19, 2010,
American Honda, Torrance
1919 Torrance Blvd. 9am to 3pm.

S.A.F.E. Centers

These are permanent drop-off facilities for hazardous waste and electronics recycling. They are open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The closest location to Torrance is:

San Pedro S.A.F.E. Center

1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro,
90021

To recycle electronics and appliances (as well as paper, bottles and cans), try

Walser's Art Supply Store

23145 Kashiwa Court
Torrance, CA 90505
310-891-3325

Or visit www.Walsers.com for their recycling information, including drop off times, pickup options and materials accepted. Proceeds will go to the Madrona Marsh.

SPECIAL EVENTS – The Del Amo Fashion Center is planning electronics recycling events several times a year to benefit the Torrance Unified School District. The next event will be posted on our website or call 800-780-0347 for more information.

For more options and information, try the search engine at www.RecycleTorrance.Org or visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks or call us at 310-781-6900



**Sanitation Recycling
Guide**

City of Torrance Public Works 310-781-6900 www.TorranceCA.gov

FACT: Americans represent 5% of the world's population but create 30% of the world's trash.

FACT: Recycling half of the world's paper would save 20 million acres of forestland annually.

FACT: Americans use 100 million steel cans a day and toss enough steel a year to build all the new cars in America.

FACT: Recycling:

- Saves natural resources
- Makes less air and water pollution
- Uses less energy
- Saves landfill space
- Creates jobs

The City of Torrance has put together this basic guide for residents who want to make a difference and leave a healthier planet to the next generation. The goal is the safe collection and disposal of your refuse to decrease its impact on the planet. We encourage you to review this guide before "tossing your trash". Hopefully, this information helps you understand our waste reduction and collection programs and provides you with the information you need to separate your recyclables and keep hazardous waste items and harmful materials from our ocean and groundwater. Also, don't forget to share this information with your children. It is their planet that we are currently borrowing. Teach them at a young age how to take care of it so that they will develop environmentally friendly habits.

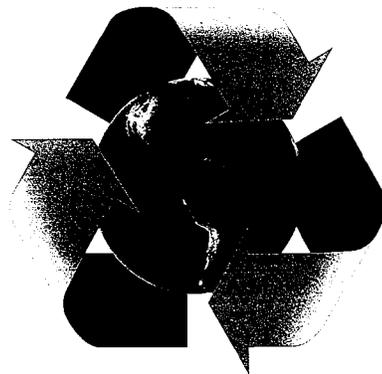
Thanks for taking the time to make a difference.

For more information on the programs listed here or additional information, contact:

Torrance Department of Public Works 310-781-6900

www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks

or try: www.RecycleTorrance.org for our recycling search engine and for businesses visit: www.GreenTorrance.com



REDUCE

Waste prevention means eliminating waste before it's created by purchasing products with less packaging, reusing goods instead of throwing them away, using up products completely and reducing waste as much as possible so we leave less behind for the future.

It's the small choices we make each day that can build up to a big difference in our treatment of our environment.

Waste reduction saves natural resources, promotes efficiency, reduces pollution and usually saves money.

A few suggestions on ways to stop waste at the start:

- Buy reusable rather than disposable products
- Bring your own bags for purchases when shopping
- Buy in bulk whenever possible
- Avoid individually wrapped or single-serving products
- Choose products with refillable or reusable containers
- Buy fresh produce without packaging
- Donate items no longer of use to charities
- Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps
- Send e-mail instead of paper memos

Reduce advertising/junk mail by contacting:

Direct Marketing Association Mail Preferences Service at

www.dmchoice.org or

www.catalogchoice.org or

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/Home/junkmail.htm

*Leave less
behind for the
future*



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REUSE

Reuse is defined as using a material over again in its current form without further processing. Reuse is the second step in the waste reduction hierarchy of “reduce, reuse, recycle” and plays an important role in protecting our environment by diverting waste from landfills, and reducing our demands for more products.

Reuse can be accomplished in many ways, including:

- Using the entirety of a resource (such as using the back side of single-side-printed paper for scratch paper)
- Allowing others to use your materials when you're done (such as giving old clothes to charity, or sharing periodical subscriptions)
- Reusing non-expendable materials (such as paper clips, binders, folders, and other office supplies)

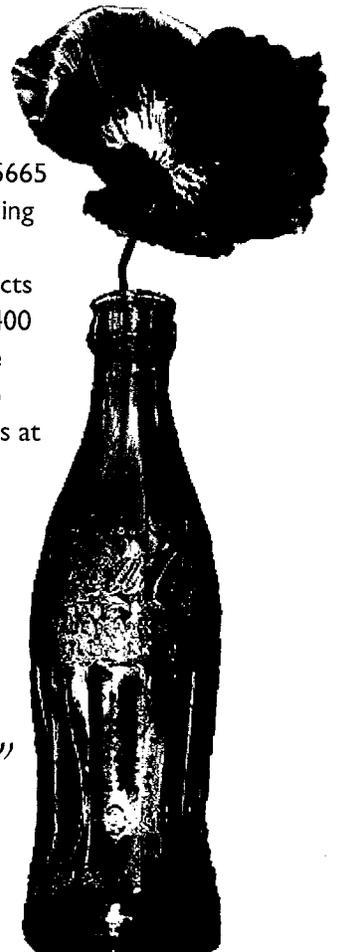
From glass jars to butter tubs, there are lots of great ways to reuse these and other items we purchase every day. Consider reusing containers for storage for arts and crafts, grocery bags for non-recyclable trash, or newspapers for packing.

Reusing is even more effective when purchases are planned with reuse in mind, by buying more durable and reusable materials and those made with recycled materials.

Some local reuse organizations:

- Goodwill at 310-328-5542
- Sisters of Charity at 310-831-4104
- Habitat for Humanity Store at 310-323-5665
- Trash for Teaching - nonprofit group reusing business cast-offs and supplying them to schools for class projects www.trashforteaching.org or 323-262-3400
- Freecycle - a free, easy world-wide reuse website with a local Torrance chapter so residents can reuse each other's materials at www.freecycle.org

*“One person's trash
is another person's
treasure.”*



RECYCLE CURBSIDE

Recycling is important. By recycling items such as paper, plastic, glass and metal, we save natural resources, create less air and water pollution, save energy and save landfill space. Recycling even creates jobs and encourages the development of new technologies. Recycling makes a difference. Please recycle as much as you can.

In Torrance, all single family homes of one to two units receive the City's waste service, including the curbside recycling program. It is also an option for homes of three or four units to have the curbside program if they are in an area that is already 85% covered by city service. The program provides each residence with a gray container for weekly recycling, available in the 96 gallon size. Additional recycling containers are available for free. Here's what goes in the gray bin:

Mixed Paper/Cardboard

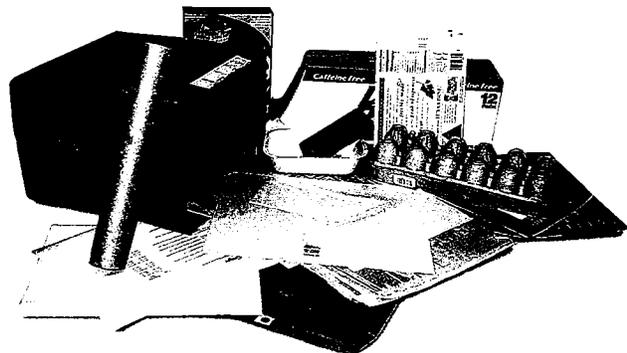
Clear plastic windows from envelopes and hazy glassine windows are okay. Paper clips and staples are okay. Boxes should be empty and flattened with no food contamination.

Yes

- bakery boxes
- books (hard and soft covers)
- cardboard boxes
- catalogs
- cereal-type & dry food boxes
- colored paper
- copy, computer paper
- egg cartons
- envelopes, junk mail
- fast food wrapping
- fax paper
- frozen food boxes
- juice boxes
- milk, juice cartons
- magazines, glossy inserts
- newspaper
- paper bags
- paper cups, plates
- phone books
- pizza boxes
- post-it notes
- shredded paper (in paper or recyclable plastic bags)
- toilet paper tubes
- wrapping paper

No

- blueprint paper
- carbon paper
- ice cream cartons
- NCR paper
- mylar paper
- napkins
- paper towels
- photographs
- tissues, Kleenex
- toilet paper



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Metal Containers

Rinse cans and containers. Lids and labels are okay.

Yes

- aluminum cans
- aluminum foil and trays
- cans from drinks
- empty paint cans
- empty steel aerosol cans
- pie plates, cake pans
- tin and steel cans
- vegetable and soup cans
- wire hangers

No

- aluminum window frames
- compressed gas cylinders (propane tanks)
- helium tanks
- needles or lancets
- pipes
- pots or pans
- scrap metals
- screen doors

Plastic

Rinse plastic bottles. Lids, caps and labels are O.K. Look for the #1 - #7 symbols (♻️) on the bottom of your plastic containers.

Completely empty plastic containers previously housing hazardous substances such as oil, pesticides or cleansers may be recycled.

Yes

- bottles with the #1-7, all colors and shapes
- 6-pack rings
- bags from newspapers
- butter tubs
- styrofoam or "to-go" boxes
- empty oil or cleanser containers
- grocery bags with numbers
- juice bottles
- ketchup bottles
- shopping bags with numbers from department stores
- soda bottles
- syrup bottles
- milk or water jugs
- shampoo bottles
- styrofoam pieces (cup size or larger)

No

- baggies, sandwich bags, bread bags
- pipe
- plastic bags without numbers
- shrink wrap
- small styrofoam packing pieces (peanuts or popcorn)
- straws
- trash bags



Glass

Rinse jars and bottles. Lids, caps and labels are okay.

Yes

- glass bottles, all colors
- jars
- beer bottles
- pickle jars
- wine bottles

No

- auto glass
- ceramic mugs/plates
- fluorescent bulbs, light bulbs
- glass dishes
- mirrors
- plate/window glass
- porcelain
- pyrex dishes

GREEN WASTE CURBSIDE

At the time of this printing, 8000 homes in Torrance have the curbside green waste recycling program, still as a pilot program until the program can be offered City-wide to all homes with City service. For those with the green waste recycling container:

In Torrance, one-third of all residential waste is green waste – grass, leaves, weeds and trimmings from bushes and trees. This large volume uses up valuable landfill space.

When separated from regular trash, green waste can be recycled into mulch or soil amendment. By recycling green waste we will save landfill space and provide a better use of a natural resource: plant waste recycles naturally, and the decomposed materials form a rich, dark soil called humus or compost. This returns nutrients to the soil, improves soil texture, and promotes new plant growth.

Your green waste will now be recycled instead of taken to a landfill. Please follow these directions to use your green waste recycling container properly:

This container is only for green waste or yard trimming which includes:

- Grass/Leaves • Wood Chips • Tree Branches
- Sawdust • Garden Trimmings • Green Plants/Weeds

Do not place green waste in plastic bags

- Remove any metal or nails.
- Branches cannot exceed 4" (inches) in diameter or 4' (feet) in length.



- Large ice plant clusters and palm fronds/ branches cannot be accepted in this container (they cannot be composted). Place these items in the black refuse container.
- Do not place hot ashes, coals, flammable materials (such as oil, gas or paint) or any other hazardous materials in this container.
- Do not place food waste, animal waste or any other refuse in this container.
- Do not place liquids, dirt, rocks or construction materials in this container.
- The lid of this container must be closed. No material should protrude from the top of the containers. Weight of the container and its contents cannot exceed 200 pounds.
- Place this container for collection with your refuse (black) and recycling (gray) containers at the curb on your assigned pick up day, with the lid opening facing the street. Place containers at least 18" (inches) apart, and at least 3' (feet) away from obstructions such as a car or lamp post.
- Please wash interior of container with water periodically.



CURBSIDE BASICS & REFUSE

The City of Torrance provides weekly automated collection of refuse and recycling for 29,500 homes. For safe and efficient service:

- Containers should be placed at the curb for collection by 7 a.m. on the collection day.
- Place the containers so that the lid opening faces the street.
- Place materials inside the containers; materials on the ground will not be collected.
- Leave about 18 inches of space between the containers.
- Place containers at least 3' (feet) away from any obstruction such as a lamp post or fence.
- Remove your container from the curb within 12 hours of being emptied.



The Black Refuse Container

The black container is for household refuse only. Do not place the following items in your refuse container:

- Dirt, sod, concrete, rock or other debris from construction work
- Hot ashes or hazardous materials such as oil, gas or paint

If outside the Green Waste Recycling Program areas:

To prevent grass clippings from sticking to the bottom of the container, place refuse in the container first. Brush trimmings may be tied in 4' by 1 ½' foot bundles and placed on the top of the container with the lid open.

Alley Collection/
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A second container is available for an additional monthly fee equal to 75% of the regular collection fee with a one-time delivery charge of \$10, and you are required to keep the second container a minimum of 6 months. The refuse container is also available in a smaller 64-gallon rate if preferred (but no change in monthly fee for smaller container).

Street Sweeping Schedule

The streets in Torrance are swept Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some major streets and industrial areas are swept at night to accommodate traffic.

Unlike many other City services, the street sweeping schedule does not move back a day or adjust in any way when a holiday occurs. When a holiday falls on a sweeping day, that area's sweeping is skipped for that week.

Areas of the City with excessive street parking, often around schools or apartment buildings, are posted to keep the street open for sweeping on the area's scheduled sweeping day. Cars parked in the posted areas will be ticketed.



ALLEY COLLECTION/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Alley Collection

Refuse service could be handled differently for some homes with alley collection. Some have the 64 or 96 gallon containers, and simply place them in the alleys for collection instead of at the curb. Others may have a communal 300-gallon container that 3 to 4 homes share for refuse, instead of smaller, individual containers. These residents also have recycling containers that they individually will place as instructed for collection.



Holiday Schedule

After a holiday, collection will fall one workday later. For example, if the holiday falls on a Monday and your regular collection is on Thursday, your collection will fall on Friday for that week only. At the end of each year, a schedule of the coming year's holiday schedule is mailed with the water bill and is available on our website.

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Christmas Tree Recycling

Each year, the City picks up Christmas trees for recycling from residents with city service for a 2-week period. Look for the dates for this program at the end of each year, on the schedule of the coming year's holiday schedule that is mailed with the water bill and is available on our website.

To recycle, cut trees in half and remove all tinsel, ornaments and stands (flocked trees cannot be recycled). Then place tree at the curb about four feet from your automated containers by 7:00 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. A separate truck will collect the trees to use as mulch and landfill cover.

Trees put out for collection before or after the recycling collection dates must be cut up and placed in the automated refuse container for removal. The large item collection program will not be available during the Christmas tree recycling program.

For multi-family homes and businesses, contact your private waste hauler for their recycling program information.

Special Note for Residents in the Green Waste Program Areas:

Please recycle your tree in the green waste container. Follow the directions above for tree preparation and cut the tree to fit the green waste requirement size – no pieces larger than 4' (feet) long or 4" (inches) in diameter.

*Did you know...
Each year, recycling:
Saves 14 million trees*



RECYCLE BUSINESS/MULTIFAMILY

Currently, recycling service is optional or on a voluntary basis at homes and businesses that do not have city service. If you are interested in having recycling services at your home or place of business, here are a few suggestions*:

- Contact your current refuse hauler; most can provide recycling services at an additional cost.
- “Shop around” for service options with another licensed hauler. If your current refuse hauler cannot provide recycling services, Torrance is an “open” city for refuse services - all that is needed is a business license. A list of the refuse haulers is available through Public Works and the City website.
- Contact a business specializing in recycling collections: There are some specialized businesses that just provide recycling services (not refuse collection). Here are a few suggestions, or you can check in a phone book:

Full Circle Recycling (323) 630-0016

Smurfit-Stone Recycling (310) 533-0333

Free recycling collection is offered by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for LA County multifamily residents and businesses. Some limitations may apply. Call 213-749-3601 for information.

- Drop-off centers: For those willing to transport their own materials, there are several nearby facilities that will take a variety of recyclable materials. Some suggestions:
 - Walser’s - 23145 Kashiwa Court, Torrance, at 310-891-3325
 - Palos Verdes Recycling - 26401 Crenshaw Blvd., Rolling Hills at 310-375-6094
 - Recycle American Alliance – 19204 S. Figueroa, Carson at 310-327-6362
 - Potential Industries – 922 East “E” Street, Wilmington at 310-549-5901
 - Smurfit-Stone Recycling – 20502 S. Denker Ave., Torrance at 310-533-0333Smurfit also offers free recycling drop-off to all residents at their site Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 5 pm. They will accept all items taken by the Torrance residential recycling program. For a full list of items accepted, see tab “Recycle Curbside”. Please note that they will not pay for these recycling items. They will take materials from both residents and businesses.

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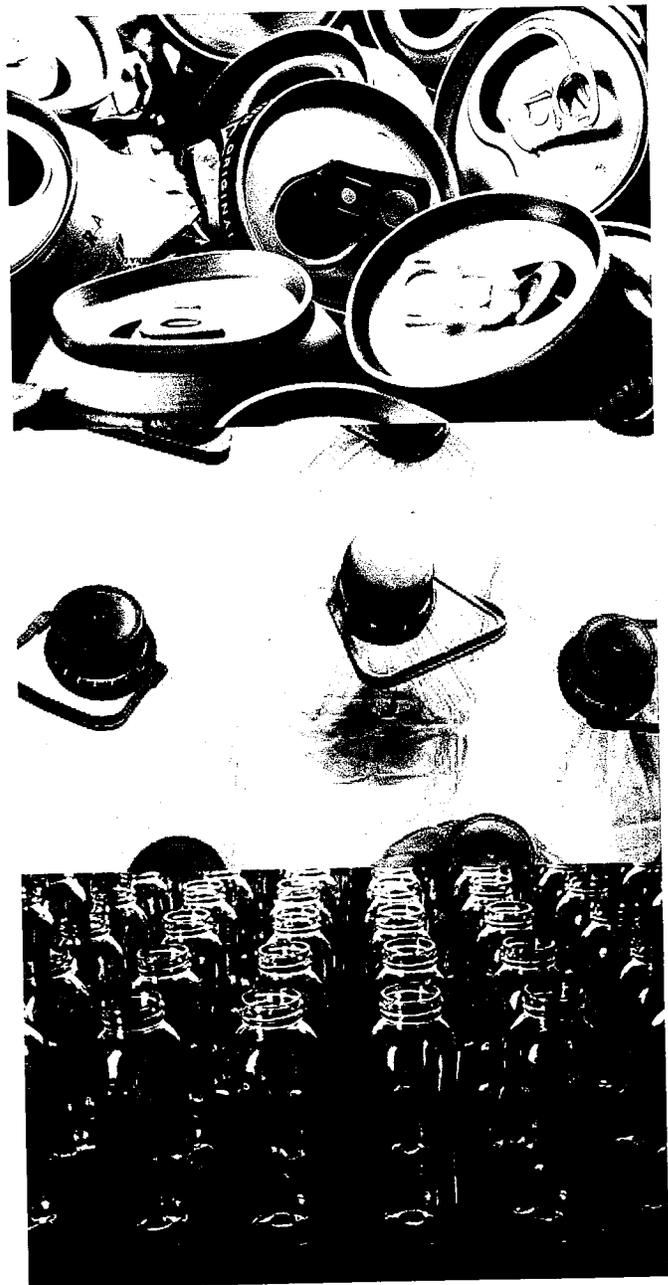
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- A free resource for finding local recycling companies is available on the Smart Business Recycling website at www.dwp.lacounty.gov/epd/brtap/recyclingsite

If you have specialized materials for recycling, please contact Public Works for more information. Or, to exchange materials for reuse, contact CalMAX, a free state-wide service and listing catalog on the web at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/CalMAX. A more local and also free reuse exchange website is www.freecycle.org, which has a Torrance section for more neighbor interaction.

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HHW/ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Household hazardous waste is any material – liquid, solid or gas – discarded from the home that may, due to its chemical nature, pose a health threat to humans or the environment if handled or disposed of improperly.

Household hazardous waste is anything labeled: Toxic, Poison, Corrosive, Flammable, Reactive, Combustible, or Irritant. Electronics are also considered hazardous waste as they contain a number of toxic components including lead, mercury and other heavy metals.

To Safely Recycle or Dispose of Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste:

Free Drop-Off Locations

Walser's Art Supply store takes many electronics items, metal appliances and a few hazardous wastes for recycling. For some items, such as nonrechargeable batteries, there is a small fee. Please contact them for drop-off hours and related information:

WALSER'S
23145 Kashiwa Court
Torrance, CA 90505-4026
Telephone: 310-891-3325
E-mail: service@walsers.com
Homepage: www.walsers.com

There is a free, permanent location near Torrance for the collection of household hazardous waste and electronics. It is operated by the City of Los Angeles, and free to all L.A. County residents:

S.A.F.E. Collection Center
1400 N. Gaffey Street
San Pedro, CA 90021
Open Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Note: no building can be seen at the location from the street, which is across the way from a DMV office. Drive up to and through the gate, then there will be signs leading to the drop-off location area)

Collection Events

A household hazardous waste collection event, operated by Los Angeles County, is a one-day, drive-through collection event where residents are invited to drive to a specific location to drop off their hazardous and electronic waste. Events are scheduled in different areas throughout the County. They are free, open to the public and are usually held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An appointment is not needed to participate.

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For Businesses

With the exception of Walser's, most of these programs will not accept electronics or hazardous wastes from businesses. Businesses can contract directly with collectors licensed by the City or, if only small amounts are involved, businesses can sign up for the Small Quantity Generator Program available through the City of Los Angeles to all small businesses in Los Angeles County. Visit www.san.lacity.org/solid_resources/special/business_hazardous_waste/index.htm or call 1-800-988-6942 for more information.

For additional information on these programs and other drop-off options, schedules of events and locations, call 1-888-CLEAN-LA or visit www.888CLEANLA.com or contact Torrance Public Works.



*Did you know...
Each year, recycling:
Saves enough energy
to power 1.4 million
California Homes*

LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Large Item Collection

The City of Torrance Public Works Department provides free yearly collection for large or bulky items to residents serviced by the City for refuse and recycling collection. This additional service is available once per address per calendar year.

Please call the Public Works, Monday through Thursday to schedule your large item pick-up. The pick-up will occur on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day the following week. Materials should be placed at the curb or where recycling is collected as City employees cannot enter private property. There is a limit of 20 items per pick-up.

Examples of materials that **are included** in large item collection are: furniture, bed frames and mattresses, patio furniture, appliances such as stoves, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators and freezers with the doors secured or removed, water heaters, large toys, interior doors, bathroom vanities, up to 2 tires without rims and tree trimmings if tied in bundles measuring 4' long and 1' diameter or bagged.

Examples of materials that **are not included** in large item collection are: construction materials such as lumber, steel, pipes, concrete, dry wall, bricks, fencing, major yard clean up, tree trunks, dirt, sod, branches over 5' (feet) long, car bumpers, car seats, camper shells, sliding glass doors, propane tanks and hazardous wastes such as paint, batteries, pesticides and chemicals. In addition lamps, toasters and microwaves are not collected. TV's and computer monitors, which may contain lead, are also excluded.



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STORMDRAIN POLLUTION

Sewer lines in Torrance and throughout Southern California are totally separate from the storm drain system. Sewage is treated, but storm drain run-off is not. While the storm drain system exists to prevent flooding by draining rainwater from our streets, litter, toxic materials and other matter is swept into the storm drains by wind and rain and carried directly to our ocean. This pollution of our oceans and beaches is very damaging to marine life as well as ourselves.

Here are some ways you can help maintain clean storm drains and protect our oceans:

- Keep litter and pollutants off the streets and out of the gutters.
- Keep leaves and yard waste out of the gutter.
- Avoid watering on the day of or before your scheduled street sweeping.
- Do not apply fertilizer, pesticides, or weed killers if rain is forecast.
- Wash cars infrequently and use biodegradable soap. Or use a commercial car wash facility, as they usually recycle the water and it will not go into the storm drain.
- Recycle used motor oil and anti-freeze.
- Bring leftover toxic materials such as paint, cleaners, and pesticides to a household hazardous waste collection event.
- For oil on your driveway, use kitty litter to soak up liquids, then take the litter to a household hazardous waste collection event.
- Pick up pet droppings and put them in the trash.

Report any illegal dumping into the storm drains by calling
1-888-CLEAN-LA.



*Did you know...
Each year, recycling:
Reduces water pollution
by 27,047 tons*

USED OIL & FILTER RECYCLING

Each year, over 200 million gallons of used oil is dumped into our environment by do-it-yourselfers illegally putting used oil and filters in the trash, storm drains and sewers. That's equal to 20 Exxon Valdez oil spills! Oil is toxic, flammable and dangerous to the environment. Used motor oil can easily be recycled at participating businesses throughout Torrance. These certified centers will pay 40 cents per gallon or offer coupons for each gallon of uncontaminated oil that's brought in for recycling. Used oil must be clean and not mixed with gas, dirt or any materials.

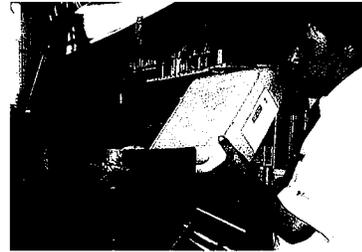
Put used oil in a clean plastic container with a tight lid, no larger than five gallons. Then take the oil and any used oil filters to one of Torrance's certified used oil recycling centers for recycling. There is a limit of five gallons per person. The City also offers free used oil containers and bags for filter recycling as well.

Did you know...

Used oil never wears out – it just gets dirty. It can be cleaned and recycled over and over again into new products.

Recycling one ton of used oil filters recovers 1,700 pounds of steel and 60 gallons of oil.

Used motor oil from cars makes up more than 40% of the oil pollution in our oceans.



Learn more at our used oil recycling website - www.RecycleTorrance.org

*Save natural resources
and keep our oceans safe -
recycle your used oil,
because the Earth can't.*

Turn in your used motor oil and filters for free to a certified center and get 40 cents per gallon or an equivalent coupon back. Daily limit: 5 gallons per person per day. Please do not mix used motor oil with other substances as contaminated oil will not be accepted. The centers listed on the next page will accept used motor oil and filters except as indicated.

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**Certified Used Oil
Collection Centers Located
in Torrance:**

*AutoZone #5944
17490 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90504
310-542-2717

EZ Lube
1645 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501
310-320-7585

EZ Lube
24043 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-791-8480

Fast Lube
3960 Artesia Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90504
310-793-7999

Hillside Chevron
24505 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-378-9231

Infiniti South Bay
3035 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-325-5555

Jaguar South Bay
3111 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-325-7525

Jiffy Lube #1725
5340 190th Street
Torrance, CA 90503
310-214-1184

Kragen Auto Parts #1504
4308 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-373-8523

Kragen Auto Parts #1563
4900 190th Street
Torrance, CA 90503
310-793-2012

Mercedes Benz of South Bay
3233 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-257-2032

Pep Boys
3124 Sepulveda Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-326-3002

*Performance Plus
22707 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-373-9435

Power Ford Torrance
3311 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-784-4700

Power Hyundai/VW South
Bay
20460 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503
310-303-3100

Power Nissan Torrance
20710 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503
310-370-7401

Power Volvo South Bay
3010 Pacific Coast Hwy.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-325-3255

Saturn of Torrance
20410 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503
310-370-3737

Scott Robinson Honda
20340 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503
310-371-3521

Scott Robinson Honda
Service Center
2280 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501
310-782-7200

*No illegal dumping after hours.
Call ahead for hours of
operation and quantity of oil
accepted.*

*Center availability is subject to
change*

**does not accept oil filters for
recycling*

COMPOSTING

Yard Waste Solutions

Did you know that grass clippings, tree trimmings and leaves amount to more than 30 percent of the Torrance residents' trash each year? You can turn yard waste and kitchen scraps into valuable mulch by composting in your backyard. Torrance has a permanent composting and water-wise gardening demonstration site where free workshops are given. It is operated in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The Compost/Garden Demonstration Site at Columbia Park is located at the corner of 190th and Prairie (enter on Prairie - northeast side of park).

Two types of workshops are given at the site:

Beginning Workshops: Come and learn about ways to reduce and recycle your yard waste by:

Composting: The natural way to mulch and replenish the soil using yard waste and kitchen scraps.

Grasscycling: Leave your clippings on the lawn and add water and nutrients to your soil.

Worm Composting: Make great compost using your kitchen scraps.

Water-wise Gardening: Reduce water use and yard trimmings by planting drought-tolerant and low maintenance plants.

Advanced Workshops:

Advanced workshops introduce landscape design, landscaping with native friendly plants, installing a water-efficient irrigation system, organic gardening, the art and science of good soil, integrated pest management (environmental ways to control pests), conserving water around the garden, and using drought-tolerant plants.

Worms, worm bins and compost bins are usually available for sale at discounted rates after the workshops. Visit www.smartgardening.com for the full workshop schedule.



Torrance residents can also purchase a worm bin or the composting Bio-Stack bin at a discounted rate of \$50 each. These multi-level, quick to assemble, lidded bins are ideal for easy composting. Both are made from recycled plastic and come with instructions.

The Bio-Sack is available at the Manager's Booth of the Torrance Farmer's Market. You can also buy either compost bin through the Public Works Department. Please call ahead to confirm availability. Check or cash only, no credit cards accepted.

Need Mulch?

You can get it free (just bring your own shovel and bucket)
Load up your own containers and take as much as you need.
It's clean, free and organic - made from clean yard waste collected throughout the Los Angeles area.
Offered to all Los Angeles County residents by the City of Los Angeles

S.A.F.E. Collection Center
1400 North Gaffey Street
San Pedro

Open 7 days a week for mulch pickup, 9 am to 5 pm
(This location also houses a hazardous waste and electronics recycling center with different operating hours)

For additional information, contact Torrance Public Works or visit
www.smartgardening.com
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics



Did you know...
Each year, recycling:
Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
by an amount equal to
taking 3.8 million passenger cars
off the highway

Useful REFERENCES and LINKS

Government Agencies:

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

www.calrecycle.ca.gov
State Department that oversees recycling efforts. Local program information, references, links and ideas on waste reduction.

California Department of Conservation

www.consrv.ca.gov or
www.bottlesandcans.com
Beverage container recycling program

Los Angeles County Sanitation District

www.lacsd.org
Has schedule for free, periodic household hazardous waste and electronics recycling events

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

www.ladpw.org/epd
County programs on composting, public education and related waste reduction programs

County Department of Toxic Substances Control

www.dtsc.ca.gov

US Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

Recycling / Refuse Programs

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation

www.rbrc.org
Locations for recycling rechargeable batteries

GreenDisk Services

www.greendisk.com
Recycling of VCR tapes, other electronic media (possible fees)

LA Shares

www.lashares.com
Redistributes donated items from businesses to charities and schools

Food Finders

www.foodfinders.com
Local food rescue program

Freecycle

www.freecycle.org
Torrance section of a web-based exchange program for reusable items from individuals

Trash for Teaching

www.trashforteaching.com
Accepts reusable items to donate to school for art projects

Environmental Organizations

Heal the Bay

www.healthebay.org

Sierra Club

www.sierraclub.org

Wilderness Society

www.wilderness.org

Environmental Agencies Web Directory

www.webdirectory.com

Earth 911

www.earth911.org

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For more suggestions, contact Torrance Public Works.