

The Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force presents

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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"**

16th Annual Earth Day Cleanup, April 10

Antelope Valley Conservancy's 16th Annual Earth Day Cleanup will be Saturday, April 10th, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are needed to help remove litter or illegal dumping sites (depending on your capabilities) at Saddleback Butte State Park and Los Angeles County Wildflower Sanctuaries (one of which is Jack-rabbit Flat located at 116th St. East and Ave. T.).

This year's cleanup coincides with California State Parks' celebration of Saddleback Butte State Park's 50th Anniversary, so volunteers should plan to enjoy the activities after the Cleanup. There will be a reenactment of the 1960 dedication ceremony, live band, and many activities.

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes, and bring work gloves and drinking water in a reusable bottle.

Please RSVP to (661) 943-9000 or avconservancy@yahoo.com, and meet at 9 a.m. at the staging area in Saddleback Butte State Park, Avenue J at 171st Street East.



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich awarded certificates of appreciation to the 75 volunteers who participated in Antelope Valley Conservancy's Earth Day Cleanup 2009. Shown are representatives from Lockheed Martin, Granite Construction, Girl Scout Troop 6472, CSU Bakersfield AV, California State Parks, Los Angeles County Parks, the AV Illegal Dumping Task Force, the local community, and AV Conservancy.

"IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME"

Eco-friendly tips to help you with your junk

It's April: so let's "clean out" our closets, attics, garages or whatever else has become cluttered in the past year and start the early part of 2010 right. In partnership with Supervisor Antonovich and Los Angeles County, Waste Management has compiled a list of tips to help you clean out your home, meet the County's increasing diversion goal and keep your community safe and clean!

- 1. Sort your waste properly:** Much of what we no longer need can often be recy-

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Calendar

- **16th Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event**
April 10, 2010
(9am to noon)
- **FREE Dump Day**
April 17, 2010
(8 am to noon)
- **FREE Waste Tire Collection Event**
April 17, 2010
(9 am to 3 pm)
- **FREE Household Hazardous/ Electronic Waste Collection:**
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center

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.



How YOU Can Help Stop Illegal Dumping

Did you know that illegal dumping is a big problem in the AV, and can cost taxpayers millions of dollars in clean up costs each year? Not only is illegal dumping an eyesore, but it's a health hazard, especially to children. Illegal dump sites provide a breeding ground for disease-carrying rodents, insects, and other vermin. These sites also pollute soil and groundwater.

In order to combat this environmental hazard and crime, the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force was formed in 1996. The Task Force is dedicated to keeping the Antelope Valley beautiful by preventing illegal dumping through education and convenient disposal programs.



Picture of an Illegal Dumping Site.

Besides joining the Illegal Dumping Task Force, there are a lot of other things you can do to keep our community clean and safe.

- Make sure to ask for a Dump Receipt when you hire a company to do a property clean up or trash haul-away.
- Tell your contractor you will pay for half the service ahead of time, and the second half when they return with a Dump Receipt. This ensures that your waste is being disposed of safely and properly in a designated disposal area.

Remember, stopping illegal dumping starts with you. Encourage proper disposal methods, or get involved with the AV Illegal Dumping Task Force today! New members are always welcome!

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cluded. Items like old clothes, cell phones and even computers can be donated for another person's use. Visit www.LACoMAX.com and post your goods. Other, household trash, called household hazardous waste (HHW), includes items like batteries, paint, chemicals, and unwanted electronics must be taken to be recycled at special collection centers.

2. Dispose of your waste properly: Make sure proper trash ends up in a proper place. This includes disposing of liquids properly, which means keeping them out of storm drains. Don't become a perpetrator of illegal dumping, a cause of urban blight that facilitates the spread of disease and can even lower home values.

3. Take advantage of free collection events and cost-effective drop-off centers: Waste Management sites often hold various events each season, including free e-waste collection and free dump days. Check with your local office to find out when these are. To avoid a possible fine, be sure to secure your vehicle so nothing gets away!