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Keeping the Antelope Valley beautiful...

Calendar:

- Free HHWE-Waste Collection: 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at AVECC (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- September 9, 2015: Next Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force meeting 3 p.m.
- September 12, 2015: Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

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

1 (800) 252-4613

or e-mail to:

abcShoppingCarts1@yahoo.com

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

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Summer Cleaning

"IT'S THAT TIME"

Eco-friendly tips to help you purge your junk

It's Summer time, a great time to "clean out" our closets, attics, and garages to start the season off right. In partnership with Mayor Antonovich's Office 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 recycled. 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 its proper place. This includes disposing of oil, grease, and paint properly. Illegal dumping causes blight that facilitates the spread of disease, impact safety to the public especially to children and senior citizens, and lowers 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. Please visit www.cleanla.com or call 1 (888) CLEAN LA to find out when these events take place.

Illegal Dumping Clean-Up

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health completed an 80 ton clean-up of illegally disposed solid waste over approximately 25 parcels using grant funding from CalRecycle. The effort and work took place over a few weeks and concluded in December of 2014.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures partnered with Public Health and provided a contractor and crews to remove the waste.

The waste was removed from a site on the east side of the Antelope Valley that is frequently illegally dumped on. This site was over 1.5 miles long and required heavy equipment and hand crews to handle and collect the waste for disposal at a local landfill. The cost of the clean-up was approximately \$30,000.



**ARE YOU TIRED OF SEEING
ILLEGAL DUMPING IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD?**



Call 1(888) 8 DUMPING or use **The Works** app to report illegal dumping in your area. **The Works** is a free application for smart phones that lets you connect with the County to request services to help improve your community.

Download **The Works** today!

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/theWorks/>

**Trash Burning is Illegal:
Don't Do It!**



Burning trash in barrels, fire pits, and stoves is bad for everyone's health and the environment. Today's household trash contains a lot of plastics and even paper treated with chemicals, coatings, and inks that escape into the air or is concentrated in ash. Both are hazardous if inhaled or released into the air, soil, and water.

A lot of times, trash burning happens when residents do not have trash service through their local waste hauler or the containers provided are not large enough to fit an abundant amount of trash. Instead of trash burning, your local waste hauler can help you dispose of your trash and recyclables the responsible way.

Burning tumbleweed is illegal unless a permit is issued by the local Fire Department. The permit is free. However, burning tumbleweed is prohibited during Fire Red Flag Days. Please contact your local Fire Department for more information.

California Health and Safety Code Section 25189.7 prohibits burning of any hazardous waste at a place which does not have a permit from an authorized agency. Those who are burning trash are subject to, upon conviction, punishment by imprisonment in a county jail for a duration of time as determined by the courts. The court may also impose a minimum fine of \$5,000 to a maximum fine of \$100,000 for each day of violation. If the violation causes injuries to others or death, the court may impose a fine up to \$250,000 for each day of the violation.

**Adopt-A-Highway Spotlight for Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints - Leona Valley Ward**

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 will foster community pride and save taxpayer dollars.

We want to recognize and congratulate Gary Hatch of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for his participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Since January 8, 2001, Mr. Hatch and LDS Church/Leona Valley Ward members have serviced Elizabeth Lake Road from one mile west of to one mile east of 90th Street West. When asked about their motivation to participate in the program, Mr. Hatch said, "We've probably had more than two hundred members of our congregation participate in cleaning our section of Elizabeth Lake Road over the past couple of years. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, we are always looking for opportunities to serve our neighbors and our community. Leona Valley is such a beautiful valley and this is a small thing we can do to help ensure it stays that way. We can have 30-40 people show up for a few hours on a Saturday and be finished well before noon. It's a relatively small effort on our part that beautifies the area for everyone who passes through it."

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

