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## Recycling Market Troubles

If you've heard about the shrinking demand worldwide for recyclable materials, you've probably wondered what is happening to the materials that you recycle.

Nothing is being dumped. The markets are weak but some material is still moving. A good deal of material is being stored for better times.

You should continue recycling. Now more than ever it is important to pay careful attention to what you place in the recycling cart.

Here again is the list of things that DO NOT belong in the recycling cart:

<b>Animal waste</b>	<b>Motor oil</b>
<b>Bubble wrap</b>	<b>Nursery pots</b>
<b>Cactus</b>	<b>Padded envelope</b>
<b>Diapers</b>	<b>Paper towel</b>
<b>Dirt</b>	<b>Plastic wrap</b>
<b>Food waste</b>	<b>Rock</b>
<b>Garden hose</b>	<b>Sharps</b>
<b>Kleenex</b>	<b>Styrofoam</b>
<b>Light bulbs</b>	<b>Trash</b>
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>Window glass</b>
<b>Mirror glass</b>	<b>Yard Waste</b>

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## Spring Clean-Up

Our Spring Cleanup Event will be held exclusively for Palm Springs residents, April 13<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to dispose of any unwanted items.

Before you decide to dispose of usable household items, please consider donating them to one of many local charities — many will pick up at your door.

Please separate Green and Wood Waste from other debris for recycling. This material will be collected on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> ONLY

and should be contained in cans (32-gal. max.) or bundles. Plastic bags cannot be composted and organic material in plastic will not be collected.

Once again, we will offer you two ways to dispose of extra household waste and bulky items.

**Curbside Pickup** — If you prefer curbside pickup, we will collect extra household waste AND up to TWO (2) bulky items (furniture, appliances, etc.) street-side at your residence. Please place extra contained waste or bulky items at the curb on **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, for collection sometime during that week. You DO NOT need to call to schedule this pickup. And, as always, this service is provided free of charge.

We have arranged for Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation to collect reusable goods ahead of our collection crew.

**Drop-Off** — On **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, you may drop off extra household waste, large bulky items like furniture and mattresses, yard waste and electronic products at the designated location in the North parking lot at City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way between the hours of **8 AM and 2 PM**.

Angel View will be present to receive donations of clothing and household items in good condition.

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## Recycling Cart Placement

Curbside customers, please place your recycling cart out for collection when it is full.

Be sure to place Carts within 4 feet of the street but at least 4 feet away from any obstructions like mail boxes, parked cars, overhanging trees, etc. These simple steps will help us to serve you better.

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### **Free Cardboard Collection**

If you have recently purchased a large appliance or electronic product or recently moved, you may have a large quantity of corrugated cardboard to recycle. We make it easy!

Call to arrange FREE curbside pickup of cardboard on your regular recycle day.

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### **On-line Payments**

You may find it easiest to pay quarterly trash bills online. If you chose this method, please follow these procedures:

1. When you establish your account, remember to make note of your Password and User I.D.
2. When you sign up for online payment, you will not receive a paper statement, unless you request it. Our billing dates are the 1st of January, April, July and October.

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### **Extra Recycle Cart**

If you find that you are filling your recycling Cart every week and still lack space for all of your recyclables, we offer a second recycling cart for just \$2.11 per month. Call to arrange a free delivery.

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### **Recycling Thefts**

Although the downturn in the recycling market has thwarted some scavenging, it is still a problem.

Report scavengers to our hotline, 327-SAVE (7283), and we will forward the information to the City. It is helpful to have as much information as possible, e.g., date, time and place of the theft and the make, model, color & license plate number of the vehicle.

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### **Public Notice**

For Flood Zone information and Flood Protection assistance, contact:

**City of Palm Springs  
Engineering Department  
(760) 323-8253**

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### **Sustainability**

We are proud to be a part of the Palm Springs City Council's project, "Path to a Sustainable Community".

The project adopts the concept of "Zero Waste" as one of its target areas.

We view Zero Waste as a "process" rather than as an "end result."

For residents, the fundamentals of Zero Waste are . . .

**Reduce** – Take reusable bags when shopping; Say 'no thank you' to bags when making small purchases; Buy in bulk; Select items with the least packaging; Drink tap water instead of bottled water.

**Reuse** – Look for opportunities to reuse or repurpose items you already own; Consider buying slightly used rather than new.

**Repair** – Recondition broken toys, equipment, appliances or household items.

**Recycle** – Donate clothing and household items to a charity; Participate in our Blue Cart recycling program; Recycle grass clippings and yard waste (maximum container size is 32-gallon).

Simple steps do make a difference!

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### **NEW HHW Site Coming**

A new Household Hazardous Waste facility will soon open at 1100 Vella Road (South of Mesquite Avenue). The facility will be open non-holiday Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Consult 800-304-2226 or rivcowm.org for details.

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### **Public Hearing Notice**

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the City Council public hearing to place unpaid trash bills as a lien on the property tax bill.

Unpaid bills should be paid immediately.