

**January – March 2010**

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## ***SPECIAL EVENT***

**A special electronic waste collection and document shredding event will be conducted on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Lowe's Home Improvement Center, 5201 E. Ramon Road, Palm Springs, 8 AM to 2 PM. This is a FREE event.**

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We recently honored three employees for their continuous service to our Company: Drivers **Manual Patino** (30 years), **Hector Medina** (30 years) and mechanic **Roy Luna** (20 years). CONGRATULATIONS!!

Twenty-four of our 81 employees have been with us for 20 years or more.

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### **RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES**

We will collect and recycle Christmas trees. Remove decorations and cut large trees into 4-foot sections and place them at the curb on any Wednesday for Green Waste collection.

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### **AVOID LITTER...**

**...BY BAGGING IT FIRST.** Loose paper and other lightweight litter are sometimes tough to contain during the collection process. You can help curb litter by sealing these materials inside a plastic bag before depositing them in your Trash Can or Recycling Cart for collection.

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### **KEEP TRASH SEPARATE**

The Blue Carts are for Recyclables **ONLY**. Non-recyclable items placed in the Blue Cart can ultimately contaminate tons of recyclables. Don't let a careless discard erase your recycling efforts.

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### **ONLY RECYCLE THESE**

Metal	<b>Steel &amp; aluminum beverage, food &amp; aerosol cans, clean aluminum pie plates, dinner trays &amp; foil.</b>
Paper	<b>Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, bulk mail, office &amp; computer paper, envelopes, gift wrap, cardboard, food boxes, shoeboxes, paper towel &amp; toilet paper tubes, paper egg cartons.</b>
Glass	<b>Any color of beverage bottles &amp; food jars</b>
Plastic	<b>Any bottle, jug or container and plastic shopping bags.</b>

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### **CART PLACEMENT**

Customers that bring their Blue Carts to the Curb are reminded to follow these simple guidelines:

- Place Carts at the street with the hinges facing away from the street.
- Keep Carts at least four feet from trash cans, mail boxes, utility poles, trees & shrubs, parked cars or other objects.

Yellow tags will be left on Carts as a reminder.

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## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The new facility to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste is open every non-holiday Saturday, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The facility is located at 1100 Vella Road, Palm Springs, just south of E. Mesquite Avenue. Look for the blue tennis court fences in Demuth Park and turn south.

For more information, visit:  
[www.rivcowm.org/hhw/hhw\\_schedule.html](http://www.rivcowm.org/hhw/hhw_schedule.html).

## **BULKY WASTE**

We offer free curbside collection of Bulky Waste every week of the year. Contact our office to arrange a pickup.

## **SPECIAL HAULS**

If you have excess waste or bulky items that you can't get to the curb, we offer Special Haul services. This is a fee-based service that can be arranged by contacting our office.

## **REPLACEMENT TRASH CANS**

Use care when purchasing trash cans. Big box stores will sell you a trash can that is too large for our collectors to safely handle.

For the safety of our employees, we must limit our service to cans no larger than 32-gallons and 50-pounds loaded weight.

If you are in need of a new can, consider purchasing one of our cans for \$24.50. We'll warranty the cans for 10 years AND, delivery is always FREE.

## **ONLY WHEN FULL?**

We ask that curbside customers place the Blue Recycling Cart out for collection only when it is full. Our reason is simple; we're trying to maximize efficiency and keep costs down for everyone. Thanks.

## **SCAVENGING HINTS**

One way you can reduce your chances of being a target of scavenging is to place

your Cart out on the morning of your scheduled collection day instead of the night before. This simple act will reduce the opportunity for scavengers.

Properly destroy any document containing personal information.

## **CARDBOARD, E-WASTE DROP-OFF**

If you have Electronic products, an old Appliance or excess amounts of Cardboard to recycle, there is no charge to drop these items off at our Palm Springs facility, 4690 E. Mesquite Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7 AM – 3:30 PM. Drop-off site is located on Williams Road. Look for flatbed cart next to signage.

## **SPECIAL PRICING FOR BINS**

Need a bin for cleaning up your property? We've discounted the rate for a 4-day rental to just \$66. (Residents ONLY, no construction debris.) This special is valid for deliveries between January 1 and April 30, 2010.

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

The City-wide Spring Clean-Up will be held April 13 – 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar, and we'll give you more details in our April newsletter.

## **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE**

We were proud to again this year enter one of our trucks in the Festival of Lights Parade. Congratulations to parade organizers for a spectacular event.

## **2010 HOLIDAYS**

In 2010, our collections will be delayed for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day.