

July – September 2010

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## *Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste*

*The Palm Springs Regional Household Hazardous Waste facility, located at 1100 Vella Road (south of East Mesquite Avenue), has changed to summer hours – 7:00 AM to Noon, every non-holiday Saturday through September.*

*This facility will accept all household hazardous waste (like paint, pesticides, cleaners and chemicals) and universal waste (like computers and CFL bulbs) at no charge – limit 5 gallons or 50 pounds. Please be sure that liquids and powders are secure in leak-proof containers.*

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

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### *Household Battery Recycling*

As a reminder, you may place your old household batteries in the blue recycling cart; and they will be properly recycled.

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#### *ONLY RECYCLE THESE*

Use your blue cart to recycle:

Metal	Steel & aluminum beverage, food & aerosol cans, clean aluminum pie plates, dinner trays & foil.
Paper	Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, bulk mail, office & computer paper, envelopes, gift wrap, cardboard, food boxes, shoeboxes, paper towel & toilet paper tubes, paper egg cartons.
Glass	Any color of beverage bottles & food jars
Plastic	Any bottle, jug or container and plastic shopping bags.
Other	Household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)

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### *Combat Recycling Theft*

One way you can reduce your chances of being a target of scavenging is to place your recycling cart out on the morning of your scheduled collection day instead of the night before. This simple act will reduce the opportunity for scavengers.

Remember to destroy any documents that contain sensitive personal information.

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### *Bulky Waste Collection*

We will collect up to two Bulky Items (furniture, appliances, tires, electronic waste, etc.) per year for FREE. Call our office to make arrangements for this service. (*Charges apply for more than two items per year.*)

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### *Special Hauls*

We offer special haul services for a fee for material you cannot get to the curb. Excess waste or bulky items must be outside the house or garage.

## E-Waste & Ink Cartridge Recycling

You may drop off E-Waste (tv's, computers, printers, computer monitors, etc.) and used printer ink cartridges at our Palm Springs facility for recycling. This drop-off service is available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 3 PM, and it is free.

## Recycling Cart Instructions

Customers that bring their Blue Carts to the street 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 other objects, such as trash cans, mail boxes, utility poles, trees & shrubs, or parked cars.
- All contents should be in the cart with the lid closed.
- Do not mix any trash in your recycling cart.

Yellow tags will be left on Carts as a reminder.

## Only When Full?

We ask that curbside customers place the Blue Recycling Cart out for collection only when it is full. This will maximize efficiency and keep costs down for everyone.

## Online Payments

Visit our website to pay your bill online.

Those already paying online are reminded to periodically verify account numbers with their financial institution to

avoid payment discrepancies. Also, make sure your credit card has not expired.

## Service Changes

Residential customers have a choice from four subscription levels:

- Economy Service – one 32-gallon can collected twice weekly at the curb;
- Family Value Service – up to four 32-gallon cans collected twice weekly from the curb;
- Walk-In Service – two 32-gallon cans collected twice weekly from the side or back yard (up to 50 feet from the curb); and
- Estate Service – twice weekly collection of unlimited amounts of contained trash.

During each September, we waive the \$25 administrative fee for service changes. If you are contemplating a change to your service, September is a good time to make the change.

## Wind in the Forecast

We are well aware that a windy day can contribute to increased litter on collection day.

You can help. Bag loose paper and plastic bags before placing them in your trash or recycling cart. Less light material in the cart means LESS LITTER on the street.

Because recyclables are generally lighter than trash, it's a good idea to set out the blue recycle cart only when it is nearly full. These simple steps can make a big difference in helping to keep our City clean.