

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CITY OF LOS ANGELES OFFERS “FREE” USED TIRE COLLECTION EVENTS
City Residents Can Cleanup and Eliminate Used Tires at Sanitation Yards**

LOS ANGELES (April 29, 2010)—The Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation announced today that the City of Los Angeles will host six used tire collection events that will allow city residents to cleanup and eliminate used tires from their homes. The used tire collection events, funded by a CalRecycle grant generated from the tire fee on each new tire sold in California, promotes the residential recycling of waste tires, saves renewable resources and reduces the number of waste tires going to landfill. The grant enhances the city’s ongoing collection program that allows city residents to recycle four tires per year free at any of the six district yards.

“Used tires stored in the garages and backyards of city residents are a nuance to homeowners and unfortunately, some residents even choose to illegally dump their waste tires rather than properly dispose of them,” said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. “The city’s used tire collection events offer a great opportunity for city residents to get rid of those used tires at no cost.”

The free Used Tire Collection dates and locations are:

- Saturday, May 1, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
East Valley District Yard, 11050 Pendleton Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352
- Saturday, May 15, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
West Valley District Yard, 8840 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge, CA 91324
- Saturday, May 22, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
North Central District Yard, 452 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90031
- Saturday, June 5, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
South Los Angeles District Yard, 786 S. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90023
- Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Harbor District Yard, 1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
- Saturday, June 26, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
West Los Angeles District Yard, 2027 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

More than 40 million waste tires are discarded each year in California and statewide, an estimated 1.5 million tires are illegally dumped and stockpiled creating a significant threat to public health, safety and the environment. The city is conducting the used tire cleanup and amnesty event programs to raise awareness of the collection program and help reduce the number of tires going to landfill. For more information about the Bureau of Sanitation, visit www.lacitySAN.org.

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