



Beverage Container Recycling Program

What is the Program?

The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) developed this program for the unincorporated areas to increase beverage container recycling, thereby helping the environment and keeping unnecessary waste out of landfills. Focusing on beverage container recycling, the program presents an opportunity for schools and non-profit community organizations to generate extra funds for its programs. SWMD provides receptacles and promotional support materials to help launch the program.

The primary goal of the recycling program is to achieve an 80 percent recycling rate for all aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal beverage containers sold in California, thereby reducing the beverage container compo-

nent of litter in the state.



Girl Scout Troop #468, Big Bear City

To increase beverage container awareness and to achieve our goal of %50 SWMD offered a cash award not to exceed \$500.

Congratulations!

- Alpine Camp & Conference Center, Blue Jay
- Booster Club at Baldwin Lane Elementary School, Big Bear City
- Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Morongo Valley
- Camp Paivika-Ability First, Crestline
- Copper Mountain Mesa Community Association,

Joshua Tree

- Girl Scout Troop #468, Big Bear City
- Kimbark School, Devore
- Lenwood School, Barstow

➤ Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino

- Morongo Basin Master Composters, Morongo Valley
- Morongo Valley Elementary School, Morongo Valley
- Rotary Earlyact at North Shore Elementary School, Big Bear City
- Pinon Mesa Middle School, Phelan
- San Antonio Heights Association, Upland
- Work Ability at Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead

JUNE 2007

Inside this issue:

What is the Program?	1
Beverage Containers Make For Big Rewards	1&2
Spotlight: Lenwood Elementary School	2&3
Got Compost: A step by step recipe	3
More Waste Information	4



It's good for the bottle.

It's good for the can.

Beverage Containers Make For Big Rewards

Consumers pay CRV (California Refund Value) when they purchase beverages from a retailer, which is refunded when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Effective January 1,



**NEW
RECYCLING
REFUNDS
ARE 5¢ & 10¢**
bottlesandcans.com

2007, consumers when they recycle containers at recycling centers increased to 5¢ for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and 10¢ for each container 24 ounces or greater. (Continued on page 2)

Beverage Containers Make For Big Rewards (continued from page 1)

Participating in the Beverage Container Recycling Container Program offers the opportunity to: 1) reduce the amount of waste going to landfills; 2) educate our citizens of the importance and benefits of recycling; and 3) to assist schools and non-profit organizations to raise funds for activities, equipment, etc.

With limited resources teachers and students and non-profit organizations find ways to have a fundraiser.

How the money was spent:

Alpine Camp & Conference Center additional funding pays for their debts.

All of the recycling funds pays for Baldwin Lane Elementary School assemblies.

Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve is training 15 students in becoming Jr. Docents.

Camp Paivika-Ability First is using the extra funds toward the enhancement of the facilities and programs.

Cooper Mountain Mesa

Community Center spruced up and replace a few things.

Girl Scout Troop #468 paid for their patches/pins/crafts.

Kimbark School repaired the garden irrigation system and handed out medals at the end of the year assemblies.

Lenwood School first graders raised enough to buy an acre for the Mojave National Preserve.

Lyle S. Briggs Elementary School used the additional funding on science safety goggles.

The Morongo Basin Master Composters awarded scholarships to Yucca

School. Morongo Valley Elementary School purchased a rug for their school library.

North Shore Elementary School Earlyact students contributed to South India students read-along



books and cassettes and in North India a water well.

Piñon Mesa Middle School video production and marine society clubs purchased a fish tank and desk.

Rim of the World High School Work Ability I Program awarded scholarships and splits the profits with the Special Day Class field trips.

San Antonio Heights Association donated a couple of recycled plastic benches to the Cucamonga Creek Trail.

Valley High School and Twentynine Palms High

“Recycle, Recycle”
“It helps the environment”
Lyle S. Briggs
Elementary School



“Recycling Rocks”
Morongo Valley
Elementary School

Spotlight: Lenwood Elementary School, Barstow

They are called the “Recycle Rangers” and these determined first graders bring from home, pickup from the school yard and the neighborhood aluminum cans and plastic bottles to recycle.



Eighty first graders raised \$214.00 in a year to buy an acre of land to donate to Mojave National Preserve by collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

(continued on page 3)

Spotlight: Lenwood Elementary School, Barstow (continued from page 2)

The idea started when first-grade teacher, Ginger O'Brien attended a forestry camp for teacher and came away with the idea of recycling.

The other first-grade teachers, Melissa Moore, Debbie Williams and Wendy Matley soon joined O'Brien's class.

The students goal was to insure the protection of desert tortoise habit after learning that loss of habitat to development was one of the many threats contributing to the decline of desert tortoise populations.

"With their effort, coupled with an \$86.00 contribution from SWMD, we presented a check for \$300.00 to the National Park Service to add a little bit of land to the Preserve," teacher Ginger O'Brien said.

"Students in four classrooms collected the recyclables. It was part of our conservation education program to teach children to understand and appreciate the desert. Hopefully they will continue this appreciation throughout their lives" said O'Brien.

Mrs. O'Brien's 1st grade class recently toured the County's Victorville Landfill and the Victor Valley Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

These students were nice enough to take their time to send us the following comments about the tour:

"I saw bikes. I saw wood machine"
Emitie Mundy

"I saw cans and I saw bottles"
Cheyanne Jaramillo

"I saw Tractors. I saw a huge hill"
Spencer Strachan



Ginger O'Brien First Grade Class

"I saw a huge hill. I saw wood" Ismael

"I saw lots of garbage. It was so stinky"
Kaitlyn

To find the nearest recycling center near you call
1.800.RECYCLE



"My field trip to the landfill
"I saw Cans and I saw bottles"
Sincerely yours,
Cheyanne Jaramillo
1st grade,
Lenwood Elementary

Got Compost? A step by step recipe

G-greens B-browns

Recipe One

3 parts fresh grass clippings G
3 parts fruit & veggie scraps G
6 parts dry leaves B

Recipe Two

3 parts dry grass clippings B
3 parts garden prunings G

Add water and air to all recipes

Recipe Three

3 parts wood shavings B
3 parts fresh grass clippings G



Preparation

Your compost pile should be a 50/50 mix of brown & green materials. Composting works best with at least one cubic yard of material. Remember to mix in some water and keep the pile moist (like a damp sponge). Fluff up your pile once a week. In a month a two, your compost will be ready!

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

222 W. Hospitality Lane, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, California
92415-0017

Phone: 909.386.8914

Fax: 909.386.8964

Email: cvalenzuela@swwm.sbcounty.gov

For more waste
reduction information,
workshop locations
and
dates, disposal
sites and hours,
call
1.800.722.8004

Visit us on the web

www.sbcounty.gov/wsd

More Ways To Reduce Waste

(at little or no cost)

The Solid Waste Management Division offers many services to assist residents, community groups and businesses in reducing waste.

- ◆ Beverage Container Recycling Program
- ◆ Disposal Site Diversion Program
- ◆ Business Waste Reduction Assessments
- ◆ Business Waste Reduction Education
- ◆ Business Recycling Guide
- ◆ Composting Workshops and Bins
- ◆ Curbside Recycling
- ◆ Commercial Recycling
- ◆ Construction /Demolition Waste Recycling Guide & Directory
- ◆ SBCountyMAX listing assistance
- ◆ Business and School Recycling Rewards
- ◆ Special Presentations (Schools, Associations, and other Public Forums)

The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) is responsible for the operation and management of the County of San Bernardino's solid waste disposal system which consists of six regional landfills, eight transfer stations and five community collection centers. The County contracts with Burrtec Waste Industries for disposal site operations and maintenance.

SWMD administers the County's solid waste handling franchise program and the refuse collection permit program which authorizes and regulates trash collection by private haulers in the unincorporated area.

In addition, SWMD is responsible for developing and implementing waste diversion programs that will allow the unincorporated area of the County to meet its AB939 diversion goals. Programs and activities performed by our Division in the past, that directly relate to promoting beverage container recycling include the 1) development of printed material promoting and educating on the training and value of container recycling; 2) assisting schools and community groups to establish beverage container recycling drop-off centers; 3) conducting campaigns through a variety of media that promote beverage container recycling; 4) working as the lead member of the Zero Waste Communities (16 cities/townships) for Regional Waste Reduction Recycling Program.



Our mission is to minimize waste disposal by encouraging waste prevention, reuse and recycling while ensuring environmentally sound solid waste handling services.