

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BIG BEAR



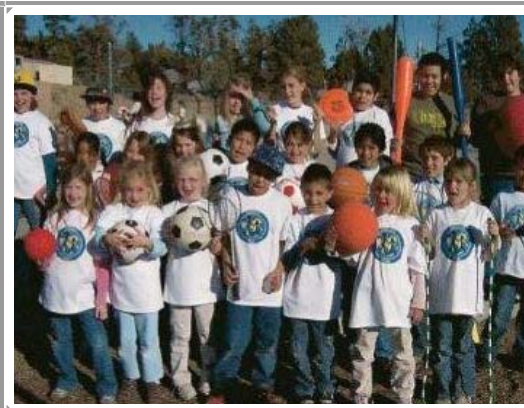
homes and as a community drop off site. In five years 1.47 tons was diverted. Cell phones and reading eye glasses are also recycled," said Jean Brownie, Rotarian Advisor.

EarlyAct teams make up recycling education

clung funds EarlyAct purchased / donated:

- to the Haiti earthquake relief fund,
- art supplies,
- two picnic tables used for tutoring and small meetings,
- personal notes,
- desk items for teacher appreciation,
- and P.E. and recess equipment, (see photo).

North Shore Elementary EarlyAct is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Big Bear Lake. EarlyAct provides opportunities for elementary students ages 5-13 in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local community and international service. The program is school-wide, so all students have an opportunity to participate. "Recycling projects fit very well into our program. The students recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans from school, their



"We want to thank the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division, for supporting our recycling program," said Pat Elbert, Faculty Advisor.

games for each classroom on the importance of "reduce, reuse and recycle" and to buy recycled products. The stu-



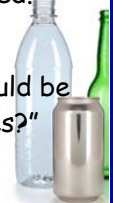
dents and teachers are amazed at the variety of things being remade.

"Wow, so much stuff gets made from recycled."

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"All these things could be made from bottles?"

With the recy-



HOLIDAY WASTE REDUCTION TIPS...

Did you know? An estimated 2.6 billion holiday cards are sold each year in the United States, enough to fill a football field 10 stories high. It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and the New Year an extra million tons of waste are generated nationwide each week. In fact, 38,000 miles of ribbon alone is thrown out each year--enough to tie a bow around the Earth. So, before you wrap that special gift, host a party, *remember* to plan your holiday festivities with the environmental impact in mind. By following these helpful hints, you will be giving Mother Earth a Gift.

- Reduce the amount of disposable tableware by using washable tableware.
- Buy products that can be recycled and/or are made from recycled materials.
- Use longer-life single-use batteries or rechargeable batteries. With proper care, today's rechargeable batteries should last for between 500 and 1,000

charge/discharge cycles.

- When you shop, bring along a reusable tote shopping bags.
- Recycle your live holiday tree.
- Save holiday gift bags for reuse and holiday cards by reusing them as gift tags for next year.
- Donate items that are still in good condition to local shelters and charities.
- Recycle your holiday wrapping paper and cardboard.
- And remember to recycle those Bottles and Cans!

WHAT IS "E-WASTE"?

E-waste is a popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life." Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines are common electronic products.

Many of these products can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Unfortunately, electronic discards is one of the fastest growing segments of our nation's waste stream. In addition, some researchers estimate that nearly 75 percent of old electronics are in storage, in part

because of the uncertainty of how to manage the materials. Combine this with increasing advances in technology and new products headed towards the market and it is no wonder that "e-waste" is a popular topic. Source: www.ecycle.org

Sites to Visit:

- www.calrecycle.ca.gov
- www.zerowastecommunities.org
- www.earth911.com
- www.epa.gov/region9
- www.dtsc.ca.gov
- www.bottlesandcans.com

Happy Holidays, Be Safe

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