

Greetings!

The CRV recycling program for schools and non-profit organizations paid for through a City/County funding grant from the Department of Recycling Resource Recovery (CalRecycle), had a great year. A total of 15,884.48 pounds of material was recycled which is up 40% from 2011. Organizations such as yours helped to recycle 7.8 tons of CRV materials. Let's make 2013 an even better year! Remember to send in your response cards with your recycling totals to our office. If you need more cards or additional supplies, please contact Erika Ellis at 909-386-8968 or via email at Erika.ellis@dpw.sbcounty.gov. We are looking to include more groups next year so if you know of a group in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County who could benefit from recycling CRV, please pass on the info.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: ALPINE CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

<http://www.alpine-cc.org/index.html>

The Alpine Camp & Conference Center is a camp for children and adults to come and escape life for awhile. Programs include outdoor activities, conference space rental, camps for students, a rope and paintball course and music and arts programs. Alpine joined the CRV program in 2006 and has recycled 4,828 pounds of CRV materials. In 2013 their program is expanding to include more collection containers. Alpine has done a great job in orchestrating its recycling program and teaching others about recycling while at the camp. They are a role model for the program. Thanks to Alpine Camp & Conference Center for their participation!



MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

For businesses in California, who generate four (4) or more cubic yards of waste a week, a law went into effect on July 1, 2012 requiring a recycling program. Assembly Bill (AB) 341, also requires multi-family dwellings of five (5) or more units to also have a recycling program. AB 341 requires local jurisdictions, including the County of San Bernardino, to check in with businesses to see how their recycling efforts are developing. The County has several programs to assist businesses with creating and maintaining recycling programs. This law also has an ambitious goal for the State of California to recycle 75% of its waste. We need everyone to do their part to meet this goal. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division at 909-386-8701 or visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste.

Zero Waste Communities

Have you heard of Zero Waste Communities? It is a group of cities, towns working together with San Bernardino County to get the message out about reducing our waste and recycling options. Check out Zero Waste Communities' Facebook page and website at www.zerowastecommunities.org. "Like Us" on Facebook and get updates about recycling and source reduction options.

HAPPY 2013!

Make 2013 a great year by helping people clear the clutter and save the planet. Sound lofty? Yes, but it's possible! First, go through every room and fill a bag with stuff you don't need or use. Second, find out who can use or recycle that stuff. Check out Real Simple's [exhaustive list](#) of non-profits and recyclers that can use your stuff—you'll be surprised how many people need it—and go to www.earth911.org to find out where/how to recycle almost everything else. Remember to properly dispose of hazardous household and e-waste; disposal options are available at www.earth911.org, www.calrecycle.ca.gov and they may be posted on your city's recycling webpage. Finished? Well, you have just de-cluttered, served your community, and helped to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by keeping all that "stuff" out of landfills! Good job!

