



RECYCLE NEWS

ZERO WASTE, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN!



FREE Curbside Collection of Household Hazardous Waste!

Once per year, residents of Monrovia can schedule a FREE pick-up of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) through a door-to-door collection program. To schedule a pick-up of old paint, batteries, TV's, expired medicine or other HHW, call WM Curbside, LLC – At Your Door Service at 1-800-449-7587. Up to two 30-gallon bags of HHW and up to 10 items of e-waste can be collected. You do not need to be home for materials to be picked-up. Instructions for where to place items will be provided when you make your appointment.

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Recycle News is a quarterly newsletter that can be found in your Athens Services bill or online at www.cityofmonrovia.org.

Recycle News is printed on post-consumer recycled paper; when you are done with it, please pass it along or recycle it!

New Solid Waste Services and Rates

On October 7, 2014, the Monrovia City Council approved an updated contract with Athens Services as the exclusive residential trash hauler for the City. The agreement guarantees that the City will have long-term trash disposal. Additionally, two new programs are being offered to Monrovians:

Residents now have a third way to dispose of their unwanted electronic items, as Athens Services now collects E-Waste. If you have a television, DVD player, or old phone, call Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 to schedule an E-Waste pick-up. Up to ten (10) items at a time may be placed at the curb for collection and Monrovia residents can schedule as many pick-ups as needed. Alternately, Monrovians can contact WM Curbside to schedule a free household hazardous waste or E-Waste pick up (see sidebar), or drop off hazardous materials at a Los Angeles County roundup event (see back).

Athens Services now offers a 30-gallon trash barrel for residents who produce only a small amount of trash each week, limited to 100 Monrovia residents. Downsizing your barrel can save you money, the smaller the barrel, the lower the bill. If you currently have a 60-gallon barrel that is not routinely filled up, consider switching to the smallest size.

If you have a 90-gallon barrel that is not filled each week, you may want to try the 60-gallon barrel size.



The City Council also approved a rate increase of 6%, plus the annual adjustment in the Consumer Price Index this year. The rate increase is effective as of the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 2014. Therefore, there will be an additional, one time, retro-active charge on

the January bill. The increase is based on the higher transportation costs since the the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill, as Monrovia's waste must now be transported further, to San Bernardino County Landfills.

This year, the standard service rate for a 90-gallon trash barrel has increased from \$21.65 to \$22.76 per month. The 60-gallon barrel increased to \$18.80 per month, from \$17.96, and the new 30-gallon barrel is \$15.99 per month. A ten percent senior discount is available for all service levels for Monrovia residents, age 65 and older.

If you have any questions regarding the two new solid waste programs or the rate increase, please contact Environmental Services at (626) 932-5553 or 932-5556. To schedule an E-Waste pick up or request a smaller trash barrel, call Athens Services at (888) 336-6100.

Christmas Tree Recycling



Once again, the City of Monrovia offers free Christmas tree recycling to residents! All collected trees will be recycled into compost and

mulch, or used as Alternate Daily Cover at the landfills. To recycle your Christmas tree, place it curbside on your regular trash collection day between December 26, 2014 and January 9, 2015. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, plastic bags, nails, lights, and plastic or metal stands. Flocked trees and trees treated with fire retardant will be accepted. As a reminder, trash collection services will be delayed one day after Christmas and New Year's Day. To dispose of your tree after January 9th, cut it into smaller pieces and place the tree in your green waste barrel. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 932-5553 or (626) 932-5556.

FREE Reusable Bags!

At the July 1, 2014 meeting, the Monrovia City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2014-05, which regulates the usage of single-use carryout bags at 28 stores in Monrovia. The Ordinance prohibits stores from distributing plastic carryout bags to customers, excluding plastic meat and produce bags to separate grocery items. Paper carryout bags are sold for ten cents each.

As of January 1, 2015, all large stores, smaller grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores and food marts must comply. Enforcement will be complaint driven. To report a store not in compliance, please contact Code Enforcement at (626) 932-5582.



During the month of January, City Hall and the Public Works Department will be giving out **FREE** reusable bags! One bag per resident while supplies last.

Upcoming HHW/E-Waste Roundups

All Events/SAFE Facilities are open 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, January 31

Claremont

Claremont Corporate Yard
1616 Monte Vista Ave.

Saturday, March 7

Altadena

L.A. County Dept. of Public Works
Fleet Maintenance Yard
252 W. Mountain Ave.

Saturday, March 21

Azusa

Northrop-Grumman Corp.
West 3rd St. and Zachary Padilla Ave.

Every Saturday

Los Angeles-

Glendale SAFE Center

4600 Colorado Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA

More Locations

www.888CleanLA.com

2015 Holiday Schedule

Solid waste collection services are delayed by one day following holidays observed by Athens Services: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

FREE Used Oil Kits!

Stop by City Hall's reception desk or the Public Works Department lobby to pick up a Used Oil Recycling Kit. The kit contains a used oil drain container, funnel, filter recycling bag, and a shop towel. Please take your used oil and filters to any local certified collection center for recycling. For locations, call (626) 932-5553 or 932-5556.



Q. With the winter bringing cooler temperatures and rain, will the Monrovia Water Conservation Ordinance continue to be in effect?

A. Yes, all aspects of the Monrovia Water Conservation Emergency Regulations will continue to be in effect until the City Council cancels the Declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency. There are no changes in the

regulations with the change of season. Happily, we are making progress! When comparing water usage from November 2013 to November 2014, Monrovia has saved approximately 21 gallons of water per resident per day. This equates to a ten percent decrease in overall water usage year-over-year. Though the drought continues to be severe, your efforts are paying off! Keep up the great conservation work, Monroviaans!

For more information on Water Conservation Emergency Regulations, or to report water issues, please call the Public Works Department at (626) 932-5575 or email pwcomments@ci.monrovia.ca.us. To find rebate programs for purchasing waterwise appliances or making water conservation property improvements, visit www.socalwatersmart.com or www.saveourH2O.org.

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