

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:  
Protecting Public Health and the Community** **NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

Environmental Resources is one of three utilities managed by the Oxnard Public Works Department, along with the Water and Wastewater divisions.

Environmental Resources is the division responsible for weekly trash collection from **40,000** homes, **2,000** businesses and apartment complexes, and **150** industrial customers. Along with solid waste collection, Environmental Resources is the City's recycling arm. This service is of great benefit to the City because it diverts waste from landfills and generates revenue that maintains competitive utility rates for customers.

Oxnard's recycling is done at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station, which handles solid waste and recyclables from around the region. Material that can be recycled is separated, compressed and then sold to manufacturers to make new products. Green waste coming into the facility is turned into compost soil amendments.

Del Norte also has an Antifreeze, Battery, Oil and Paint (ABOP) Center, where residents can drop off these products, along with electronic devices.

For questions about trash, recycling, yard waste collection or other environmental programs, contact the Environmental Resources Division at **(805) 385-8060**, or by email at: **askdan@oxnard.org**.

**RECYCLE DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER TO RECEIVE CASH BACK**

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15, 2016, but the City of Oxnard is celebrating all month long! Help us reduce, reuse and recycle our way to a cleaner, more eco-friendly tomorrow by bringing your bottles and cans for recycling to the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station's Buy Back Center, 111 S. Del Norte Blvd.

For every pound of California Refund Value (CRV) aluminum cans recycled, you will receive a special

redemption value of \$1.67 during the month of November. The Buy Back Center is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There is a CRV limit of 100 pounds per day (not valid for licensed recyclers).

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to reduce, reuse, recycle and buy recycled products.

**UPCOMING FACILITIES TOURS:**

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**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, November 19  
**Where:** 111 S. Del Norte Blvd.

**We look forward to connecting with you!**

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Rosa Huaste**

Even after Oxnard residents separate their recyclables for curbside pickup, there is much work to be done to sort those items after they are delivered to the City's materials recovery facility. Rosa Huaste, a sorter at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station since August 2014, is one of the people responsible for making order of the paper, aluminum, glass and plastic collected from curbside recycling cans with a blue lid. Huaste segregates this "recoverable" material by commodity type -- plastics #1, #2, newspaper, aluminum cans, tin cans, mixed paper, and so forth. The recyclables are then baled and sold to manufacturers who create new products. The process brings in revenue that helps stabilize utility rates for customers and divert waste from landfills.

*"I really like my place of employment," she said. "I get treated fairly and with respect, and this makes me feel appreciated. I also enjoy working with all of my coworkers."*

When she's not at work, Huaste likes spending time with her husband, two grown children and three Chihuahuas. She and her family have lived in Oxnard for more than 40 years.



**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
BY THE NUMBERS**

**1,000 TONS**  
processed per day

**50 TRUCKS**  
in fleet

**5 CNG TRUCKS** in fleet and  
**16 MORE PLANNED** for purchase

**Street sweeping:**  
approximately  
**22,000 CURB  
MILES** are swept  
annually

**In the last 12 months:**

**271,000 TONS**  
processed (refuse,  
recyclables, greenwaste)

**20,500 RECYCLED  
TONS** diverted from  
the landfill

**21,500 GREEN WASTE  
TONS** diverted from the  
landfill for composting/  
soil amendment

Includes: **7,000 TONS** of  
cardboard, **1,500 TONS**  
of scrap metal, 400 tons  
of aluminum cans

**IN THE WORKS**

The Public Works Department has resurfaced and repaired miles of roads throughout the City using rubberized asphalt made from recycled tires.

Resurfacing projects in the Sierra Linda, College Estates and Orchard Park neighborhoods used 14,800 tons of rubberized asphalt, which comes from tens of thousands of recycled tires. This quantity of rubberized asphalt is enough to pave a 12-foot-wide lane, 2 inches thick, for 19.5 miles!

Cracks in the streets of 22 neighborhoods throughout the City were filled using 156 tons of rubberized crack filler as part of the Localized Pavement Maintenance Project.

**ASK DAN**

**What is the best way to report a nonemergency issue, such as illegal dumping or a missed trash pickup, to the City?**

The City's free smartphone app, Oxnard 311, is a convenient way to report graffiti, potholes, streetlight outages, water leaks and other problems. The app can also be accessed from the City's website, Oxnard.org. Residents can report a concern by choosing from a drop-down menu, and the location is automatically logged by the app. Photos can be attached to the report, and service requests can be tracked to see when they are received and resolved. The app automatically translates for Spanish speakers. Oxnard 311 is a great way to stay connected!

**If you have a question to Ask Dan or an idea for an article topic, please email [askdan@oxnard.org](mailto:askdan@oxnard.org).**