



Paramount Trash Is Positively Electric

As you know, Paramount has an extensive recycling program that pulls all the materials that can be recycled out of the waste stream and sends them off for reuse. But did you know that some of the trash produced by the City is also salvaged for another purpose?

Almost 12% of Paramount's garbage – nearly 6,000 tons annually – is burned at a complex in the Long Beach harbor that produces electricity for homes in the region.

The state-of-the-art Southeast Resource Recovery Facility, or SERRF, incinerates all this trash in the cleanest way possible. SERRF controls and removes nearly all of the air emissions, and the boiler ash is treated, sanitized and used at a local landfill for road base material.

Producing this local, clean-burning energy is efficient and good for the environment. When you combine this 12% with our curbside and other recycling programs, which divert 58% of the City's waste, Paramount is keeping about 70% of our trash out of landfills.

Here are other options for responsibly disposing of waste in Paramount:

Used Motor Oil

Used motor oil must be recycled. You can take the used oil and used filters to O'Reilly Auto Parts at 15725 Downey Ave., (562) 272-1433 or Texaco XPress Lube, 8627 Rosecrans Ave., (562) 790-8525. (It's best to call for details on how to bring the oil.) You can also arrange for home pick-up by calling Curbside, Inc. at 1-800-HHW-PKUP.

For more information on recycling used oil or for other drop off locations, please call 1-888-CLEAN-LA.

"E-Waste"

CalMet Services provides free curbside pick-up service for all unwanted electronic waste (items such as computers, televisions, microwaves, cell phones, telephones, stereos, typewriters, fax machines, and PDAs) that by law must be recycled. Call CalMet at (562) 634-5420 to schedule a pick-up or to ask questions about the program.

Large-Item Pick-up

It is illegal to dump anything in alleys, streets, sidewalks or a public right-of-way. Property owners might even be liable for a fine for such dumped items. If you have oversized things like furniture or appliances that won't fit in a regular trash container, CalMet will pick them up for free from residential customers. Call (562) 634-5420 to schedule. (There is a \$15 charge for commercial accounts).



Upcoming Meetings

For more information about Council & Commission meetings, please call (562) 220-2225.

4/10/2012 - 6:00 PM
Planning Commission

4/17/2012 - 5:00 PM
City Council

4/18/2012 - 6:00 PM
Parks and Recreation Commission