

An Environmental Affair

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*****May is Wetlands Month and Clean Air Month!*****

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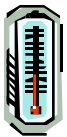
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Do Your Part to Save Energy

As you know, California is facing an unprecedented energy capacity crunch and although the City of Los Angeles has not faced the rolling blackouts experienced by other California communities, it is important that we all do our part to promote wiser use of energy now and into the future. Here are some energy-saving tips from EAD and the California Environmental Protection Agency:

AT HOME: If possible, use your air conditioner less frequently (try opening windows and using sun shades and light curtains—those that only minimally restrict natural air flow—in order to keep cool). In the evenings and on cooler days, turn your thermostat down. (You can save 5% on heating bills for every one degree you lower your thermostat.)



Use lower washing temperatures and line dry clothes whenever you can. Take a short shower instead of a bath.

Turn out lights in empty rooms. Cut the use of non-essential appliances. When not in use, turn off computers and other electronic equipment completely. Unplug electronic chargers when not in use (e.g., cell phone chargers).

Refrigerators use one-sixth of a home's energy. Dusting coils and checking door seals can help save electricity. You can set the temperature as high as 38° F without spoiling food.



AT WORK: Minimize energy usage during the peak demand hours (5 -9 am and 4 -7 pm). (Shift high energy use tasks to non-peak hours.)

As at home, use your air conditioners and heaters conservatively!



Turn off unneeded lights and equipment, especially in unused offices and conference rooms. Turn down other lighting when possible.

Turn computers, copiers and other office equipment to low-power standby mode. Turn equipment off at the end of the workday.

Use inkjet printers rather than laser printers to save up to 90 percent on printer energy costs. Use laptop computers if possible. Laptops use significantly less energy than typical desktop models.

Buy ENERGY STAR™ equipment, products, and lights.

Thank you for doing your part to conserve energy! See: www.calepa.ca.gov for more information. Also, check out the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's "Green Power for a Green LA" program for individual households that wish to support an electricity service based on more environmentally-friendly energy generation—such as that produced from the sun, wind, and water; see: www.GREENLA.com or call (800) 473-3652.

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PLEASE POST

2nd Annual Storm Drain Contest!

The Santa Monica BayKeeper is sponsoring a *Storm Drain Contest* to help keep trash from entering the Santa Monica Bay. Winners will receive: for 1st place, 4 roundtrip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies, for 2nd place, a fabulous guided tour of the Bay for six people, and for 3rd place, an extravagant kelp product gift basket. To enter, families must sign a contract that pledges their commitment to properly dispose of trash around their home—including recycling and dealing with pet waste—as well as other environmentally-friendly practices, such as reducing driving, only washing cars with recycled water and in areas where the water is not flushed into storm drains, and reducing the use of synthetic pesticides on lawns.



Entry forms are due **May 30th!!**
For more information, call:
(310) 305-9645.



Hot Off the Presses...



DIESEL: The Focus of Clean Air Month

May is the American Lung Association's *Clean Air Month* and the organization is launching a major public information campaign in California in order to raise public awareness about the health dangers of diesel exhaust and other air pollutants. Diesel exhaust has been listed as a known human carcinogen by the State of California (under Proposition 65) since 1990 and in 1998, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) formally listed diesel particulate as a toxic air contaminant. According to CARB, diesel particulates are *the most significant* source of air toxics in California and account for 70 percent of the cancer risk from toxic air contaminants across the state. Despite their small numbers compared to the total vehicles in California, diesel engines account for 40 percent of the total nitrogen oxide emissions and more than 60 percent of the total particulate matter from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks, buses, and boats. Diesel is also a major contributor to ozone air pollution.

Human Health—Diesel exhaust can also exacerbate lung diseases such as asthma and emphysema. More than 4 million Californians have lung disease, which is a leading cause of death in America and is growing faster than almost any other leading killer. The American Lung Association is committed to reducing the rising death rate, and fighting air pollution is one way to make a difference.

The Campaign—The American Lung Association of California's Clean Air Month campaign includes print advertisements in English and in Spanish that bring the gravity of the message home; some examples include: "Diesel Exhaust Contributes to Bronchitis, Asthma Attacks and Lung Cancer" (accompanied by an image of a chest x-ray), "The Diesel Exhaust Inside a School Bus Contains More Than 40 Toxic Substances" (with an image of a youth inside a bus), and "70% of Cancer Risk from Toxic Air Contaminants Comes from Diesel Exhaust" (with an image of a freeway scene). The campaign, created and donated by local advertising agency, Ground Zero, is intended to encourage individuals, companies and organizations to take action in the fight against air pollution. One way to do this is to encourage local transit agencies and school districts to purchase buses run on natural gas or another kind of alternative to diesel.

What Else is Being Done?

- ♦ CARB passed the Transit Bus Rule in February 2000 requiring transit agencies to purchase lower-polluting buses by 2010.
- ♦ The American Lung Association encouraged the US Environmental Protection Agency to adopt new diesel standards that would require the oil industry to produce a low-sulfur diesel by 2007, diesel engine manufacturers to produce new diesel engines that produce less particulate matter by 2007, and stricter engine standards for nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons—to be phased in between 2007-2010.
- ♦ In California, the Carl Moyer Air Quality Attainment Program has been successful in spurring voluntary action to reduce diesel pollution by providing incentives for the replacement and upgrade of heavy-duty diesel engines.
- ♦ Californians are finding alternatives to driving (See the "Bike to Work Week" listing in this month's calendar.) and more are purchasing alternative fuel—and zero-emission vehicles.

This article is derived from an April 2001 press release of the American Lung Association of California. For more information about the release or the campaign, contact Andrew Weisser (818) 757-1440 or aweisser@earthlink.net or to find out about Clean Air Month activities in your area, contact your local American Lung Association: 800-LUNG-USA or www.californialung.org

AQMD Adopts Landmark Rule to Shift Region's School Bus Fleet to Cleaner Fuels...

On April 20, the South Coast Air Quality Management District adopted Rule 1195 "Clean On Road School Buses" which will gradually shift the region's school bus fleet of 8,800 buses from diesel fuel to clean-burning

Salad Bowl Challenge Winners



"How does your garden grow?" This is the question that EAD has asked some local schools and the answers were outstanding! As partners in the *Gardens for Kids L.A.* program, more than fifty schools throughout the City are planting gardens and learning many lessons in the process. EAD hosted a contest, the "Salad Bowl Challenge" to find out how the gardening is going...who is growing what, where, and how? The Challenge asked students to think about their gardens as one part of a great big citywide salad—and, specifically, to express what they are learning through gardening, composting, recycling, and the use of recycled materials. Students were asked to submit either classroom or individual contest entries to communicate their ideas about their school gardening project through activities such as essays, poetry, art projects, narrated photo albums, and songs. EAD has selected the winners and will provide prizes to those classrooms, along with a certificate signed by EAD's General Manager, Detrich Allen, and Environmental Affairs Commission President, Jennifer Taggart. The following projects are this year's winners:

Most Creative: KITTRIDGE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Ms. Degann's Aphasia class, Mrs. Wright's 3rd grade class, Ms. Savathasuk's 4th-5th grade class, and Mrs. Wada's 1st grade class created "The Garden Gazette" winning entry. The Gazette is a newsletter with pictures, articles, songs, recipes—all authored or drawn by students. Kittridge also painted a large, colorful poster with a garden scene to supplement the Gazette, which received much attention during its display.

Most Imaginative: LORETO STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Mrs. Rico's 3rd grade class and Mrs. Page's 4th-5th grade class designed a tri-fold standup display with essays, photos and leaf-art. This multi-media project is a colorful and sturdy example of how to spread the word about school gardening in a bold and portable way.

Best Use of Garden Materials:



TOILUCA LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Grigsby's 3rd grade class and Mrs. Miy'a's 3rd grade class produced a two-volume set of stories: "Willy the Worm's Life" and "Garden Math" along with two books of garden-themed poetry. Each volume was decorated with leaves, seeds, twigs, dried flower petals, and other tangible items from the garden—an excellent demonstration of how to incorporate gardening with other school subjects!

Most Heartfelt: 49TH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



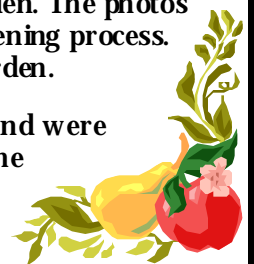
Ms. Puente's 5th grade class submitted numerous creative drawings in pen, crayon and other media, which addressed multiple environmental themes, including the photosynthesis process in plants and the connections between human breathing, air pollution, and plants' ability to absorb carbon dioxide.

Nutrition Award: VERMONT AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Ms. Palaminano-Porlier's 3rd grade class and Mr. Lieb's 3rd grade class created a four-fold stand up display in bright green. Both sides of the display are decorated—one with colorful paintings by individual students and the other with essays, poems, and vivid photographs of the students in their garden. The photos show students active in the garden—with their grown produce—and throughout the gardening process. The accompanying narrative tells of the students watering, weeding, and harvesting their garden.

These winning entries were presented to the City Environmental Affairs Commission and were displayed at the City's *Arbor Day Celebration* last month. For information about the *Gardens for Kids L.A.* program, contact Julie Van Wagner: (213) 580-1021.



\$\$\$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES \$\$\$

(See the EAD website for ongoing grant opportunities without specific deadlines.)

Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects—Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and state, local and tribal governments are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 1, 2001; contact Christopher Doley: (301) 713-0174.



State Wildlife Grants Program—States and U.S. territories are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 1, 2001. The contact person is E. LaMontagne, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Ste. 140, Arlington, VA 22203.

Saltonstall-Kennedy Research and Development for the U.S. Fishing Industry Projects—Nonprofit agencies, government entities and corporations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 7, 2001; contact Alicia Jarboe: (301) 713-2358.

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Seafood Processor Worker Housing Grants—Private and public nonprofit agencies, nonprofit cooperatives, state and local governments, and tribal organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 14, 2001. The contact person is David Layfield: (202) 720-1604.

Pest Management Alternatives Program—Research institutions, institutions of higher education, federal agencies and private organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 14, 2001; contact Dennis Kopp: (202) 401-6437.

Community Food Projects—Public or private nonprofit agencies and community-based organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 18, 2001; contact Mark Bailey: (202) 401-1898.

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative—Public entities are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 18, 2001; contact Lisa Peoples: (202) 708-0614, ext. 4456.

National Sea Grant College Oyster Disease Research Program—Institutions of higher education, commercial organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 28, 2001; contact James McVey: (301) 713-2451.

National Sea Grant College Aquatic Nuisance Species Research and Outreach Program—Institutions of higher education or any state or political subdivision of a state agency are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 28, 2001; contact Leon Cammen: (301) 713-2435.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities Program—Nonprofit Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 1, 2001; contact Jane Karadbil: (202) 708-1537, ext. 5918.

Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Project—Institutions of higher education, nonprofit agencies and international organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 10, 2001; contact Elizabeth Turner: (703) 292-8582.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program—Urban communities are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 18, 2001 and the contact person is Wayne Strum: (202) 565-1200.

Patagonia Environmental Grants—Patagonia, an outdoor clothing supply and equipment company, offers grants to encourage the environmental work of organizations with a strong base of citizen support—particularly small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action campaigns. Grants range from \$3,000-\$8,000. The deadline is August 31, 2001. Contact Jill Zilligen or John Sterling, Patagonia Inc., P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002 or visit: www.patagonia.com:81/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml.



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EACH MONTH:

Down-by-the-River Walks



Friends of the Los Angeles River and the Sierra Club are sponsoring monthly walks along the banks of the LA River. Join them at **4:30 pm. on the third Sunday of each month** for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. Location varies each month—some walks feature brief talks highlighting natural, historical, artistic, or political aspects of the River. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more info., visit the FoLAR website: www.folar.org, or call Joe Linton: (213) 381-3570.

Habitat Restoration Days



Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. You are invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds **every second Saturday of the month**. Morning maintenance is done from 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday**. Call (310) 32-MARSH.

Hyperion Waste Water Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours of the facility (located near El Segundo in Los Angeles) are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd: (310) 648-5363 for details or to schedule a tour.

Japanese Garden Tours

Docent-led tours of the Japanese Gardens at the D.C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday. Reservations are required. Call (818) 756-8166.



Afternoons in the Lab

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's education staff and volunteers are available every Wednesday from 3-5 pm to answer questions and involve students of all ages in exploring local marine life in the hands-on Discovery SEA Lab. The lab, located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro, opens with a different theme each week and activities include: using microscopes, examining specimens, creating art, playing games, exploring coastal habitat, and much more! The science education afternoon is free. Groups should make reservations. For more info., call: (310) 548-7562.

Satwiwa Sundays

From 10am to 5pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301.

Smart Gardening Workshops

The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program hosts Smart Gardening workshops year-round throughout the County. Topics covered include backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. For more information, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.smartgardening.com.



"Smart Gardening" and Composting workshops also are held from **March through November** at Griffith Park. Call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228 for more information.

Nature-Bird Walk (Regular Fourth Weekend monthly event)

Two walks will take place—one on Saturday, and one on Sunday—both at 10 am. The walks will meander through the Madrona Marsh Preserve, starting at the Natural History Center in Torrance. Call (310) 32MARSH.



The EAD website, located at www.lacity.org/EAD, contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

Recycling Workshops

Many workshops and seminars are regularly provided throughout the year on source reduction, recycling and composting. They have included topics such as Buying Recycled, Organics, Certified Buy Recycled Training Seminars, and Sustainable Construction. Please call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228

Tyke Hike is scheduled every first Thursday of the month in the Madrona Marsh Preserve and involves looking for animal tracks, listening for singing birds, observing habitat changes and wildflower cycles. A \$5 donation per family is requested for the Natural History Center Education Programs; reservations appreciated. Call Friends of Madrona Marsh: (310) 32MARSH.



Baldwin Hills Hikes

These are held every 3rd Saturday at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Join them to learn about the nature and birds of the largest undeveloped area within the LA Basin. For more information, see the LA Audubon Society website: www.LAAudubon.org or call: (323) 876-0202.

THIS MONTH:

Celebrate *Wetlands* Month as well as *Clean Air* Month!!

May 2001 marks the 10th anniversary of *National Wetlands Month*. For information about the importance of wetlands, see the website of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, Watersheds: <http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/wetlands/contents.html> or call the EPA Wetlands Hotline toll free at 1-800-832-7828. Also, the Environmental Law Institute (www.eli.org) offers bi-monthly "The National Wetlands Newsletter". See: <http://www.eli.org/publications/nwnnews.htm> for the March-April 2001 edition.

May 4-6
10th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair—As a follow-up to Earthquake Preparedness Month (in April), the City of Los Angeles will sponsor this fair at Dodger Stadium from 10 am until 4 pm each day. City employees, their families and neighbors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Anna Day: (213) 847-9992 or visit www.lacity.org/epd.

May 5
Public Tour of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands—Meet at the Reserve Walk Bridge, 9 am. Call the Amigos de Bolsa Chica: (714) 840-1575 for details.

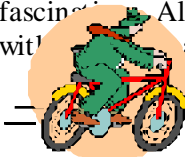
May 6
Spring Garden Tour—Self-guided free garden tours of View Park/Windsor Hills will be offered from 1-4 pm. Pick up information and tour maps across from Park Hills Community Church (5254 Overdale Drive, LA 90043). Each garden will provide a feast for your senses—offering a variety of themes and

May 8
LA Zoo Career Night—If you have ever thought about working with animals, or in a zoo setting, you will definitely want to join this first-ever career event, from 6-10 pm. Meet zookeepers, educators, curators, and veterinary staff, and discover what paths they took to break into their chosen fields. Slide presentations will complement the evening, with a question-and-answer period to follow. Cost is \$10 per participant and \$5 per parent/chaperone. For more information, call: (323) 644-4211.

May 12
Guests or Pests? Wildlife in Your Garden—Do you invite wildlife into your garden, or prefer that deer, rabbits, birds and other "guests" stay on the other side of the fence? Jan Scow, native plant consultant, will share tips for gardeners in either camp at this presentation sponsored by The Theodore Payne Foundation. The event will take place from 10 am until 12 noon at the Foundation (10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley). For more information, call (818) 768-1802 or visit www.theodorepayne.org.



International Migratory Bird Day—Birds of a feather flock together during the LA Zoo's celebration of this special day (from 10 am until 5 pm). Learn all about these long-distance travelers through crafts, games, presentations, and bird-watching stations. Flock on down to the Zoo with the whole family for a day of fun, feathers, and fascination. All activities are free with paid Zoo admission. For more information, call: (323) 644-4211.



May 14-18

Bike to Work Week!

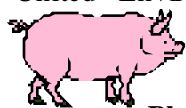
May 17
Bike to Work Day—On-road mobile sources of air pollution, such as the cars and trucks we see every day on the road, are the largest source of air pollution in our region. Help cut back on air pollution and participate in the South Coast Air Quality Management District-sponsored event to show that individual Angelenos can make a difference! Also, send EAD your picture if you participate in Bike-to-Work-Day and describe the experience (and remember to provide your contact information); we may select your picture for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter! See www.aqmd.gov/trans or <http://www.californiabikecommute.com/commuting.htm> (the CalTrans and American Lung Association sponsored site that contains information on registration, t-shirts, etc.) or call (800) COMMUTE (choose option #3) for more information about this event and Bike-to-Work Week!

Audiovisual Display: "North East Trees"—Chuck Arnold will lead this program at the monthly meeting of the Whittier Area Audubon Society at the Whittier Community Center (Washington Avenue and Mar Vista), beginning at 7:30 pm. The public is invited and there is no charge for this event. For more information, call Jean Beaton: (562) 869-6545.

May 19
La Cienega Cleanup—This event has been held annually since 1982 and includes graffiti removal,



cleaning, weeding, planting and watering of street trees along La Cienega Boulevard from Venice to Airdrome. Plan to give back to the community through your participation, along with Neighbors United, Project Heavy West, Volunteers of America, Operation Clean Sweep, Doing Something, Inc., Councilmember Nate Holden's Office, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. The cleanup will begin at 8 am and continue until noon. For more information, contact Dolores Reece of the Neighbors United Environmental Committee: (323) 939-3296.



Big Morongo and Black Rock Camp—

This is a weekend field trip sponsored by the Whittier Area Audubon Society. The public is welcome. The Big Morongo Canyon Preserve is in the little San Bernardino Mountains, adjacent Joshua Tree National Park. For more information—on costs, carpooling, etc., please contact Jean Beaton: (562) 869-6545. Also see the website: www.whitteiraudubon.org.

Hooray for Hogs—Go hog wild as you learn all about the fascinating world of pigs and peccaries. Visit with some of the LA Zoo's most popular swine and their relatives in a morning of crafts, excitement, and fun! The session will take place from 9:30 am until 12 noon. Registration is required; call: (323) 644-4211.

May 24

Community Meeting on Arroyo Seco—There will be a community/stakeholder meeting about the Arroyo Seco Watershed Restoration Feasibility Study at the LA River Center (570 W. Avenue 26) from 7-9 pm. For more information, Call North East Trees: (323) 221-1778 or visit www.northeasttrees.org.

Incredible Insects—Is there something “bugging” you? Insects live all around us and we see them every day. Come to the LA Zoo and find out some insect facts, go on an insect safari, and make an incredible insect to take home. The session will take place from 9:30 am-noon. Registration required: (323) 644-4211.

May 31

Clean Water Act Impacts on New Development—This workshop is sponsored by the Water Resources Committee of the American Public Works Association (APWA), Southern California Chapter and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 222 Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA, 8 am-3:30 pm. For registration info., contact Carmen Rios of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Watershed Management Division: (626) 458-3525 or crios@dpw.co.la.



***Looking Ahead to Next Month:*

June 2

Sixth Annual KelpFest—Celebrate the return of kelp to the Santa Monica Bay—and one of the most important coastal ecosystems—The

contest, kelp arts and projects such as Gyotaku Japanese fish painting, and an environmental car exhibit. The event is free to all; contact the BayKeeper at (310) 305-9645 for more information.

12th Annual Kids' Nature Festival—This event, sponsored by the Children's Nature Institute, will take place at Temescal Gateway Park in Pacific Palisades (15601 Sunset Blvd.) from 10 am until 4 pm. The day will feature live concerts, over 30 free activity and animal booths, and opportunities to meet live animals, including tidepool critters, friendly reptiles, baby pigs, cool insects and more. Tickets are \$6 for children (12 years and under) and \$7 for adults. For more information, visit www.childrensnatureinstitute.org or call (310) 364-3591 (choose option #6).



June 3-5

Making Locally-Led Conservation Work—This is a forum on community-based conservation action and why such bottom-up activities succeed or fail. The event, which will be held at Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska, is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

TEACHER'S CORNER

Free Fieldtrips for Low-Income Schools

The Children's Family Nature Institute (CNI) uses proceeds from its Family Nature Walks and annual Kids' Nature Festival (see the calendar listing in this issue) to offer free field trips at parklands throughout Los Angeles and visits from the CNI Wonder Mobile. Call for more information: (310) 364-3591.



S.E. A. Lab Offers Free Field Trips & Classroom Visits

The S.E.A. Laboratory is a marine science education program of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps that can entertain 60 students at its facility (the SW corner of Harbor Drive and Yacht Club Way in Redondo Beach), where students can learn about sea creatures, tour the beach, catch plankton, tour the nearby power plant and more! Call (562) 529-7357 or visit www.lacorps.org/sealaboratoryhome.htm for more information.



HOTLINE CONNECTION

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 580-1052**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**. You can also visit our website at www.lacity.org/ead and click on the Environmental Information Center Link.

AIR QUALITY

Calidad del aire

South Coast Air Quality Management District

(800) 288-7664

ASBESTOS – Asbestos

Environmental Hygiene

(213) 738-4078

BEE INFESTATIONS

Infestaciones de abejas

Vector Control

(800) 233-9279

BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

Recogida de artículos grandes

L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation

(800) 773-2489

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Desembolso de materiales peligrosos

L.A. County Dept. of Public Works

(888) 253-2652

L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation

(800) 988-6942

ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS

*Depositos ilegales en los drenajes de
desagües*

Stormwater Management

(800) 974-9794

LEAD POISONING – Veneno del plomo

National Lead Information Center

(800) 424-5323

LEAF BLOWERS – Sopladores de hojas

Leaf Blower Complaint Line

(800) 996-2489

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Infestaciones de mosquitos

L.A. West Mosquito Abatement

(310) 915-7370

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