

# An Environmental Affair

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The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department was established in 1990 to advise the city on environmental issues and provide a centralized source of environmental information. The Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, workers and visitors in the City of Los Angeles.

## LACCD Project First in U.S. to Receive BREEAM Certification

The historic Van de Kamp bakery, soon to be the site of a new satellite campus for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), has earned a European sustainability rating. LACCD announced in December that the historic Van de Kamp Bakery Building, which will become the Northeast Center of Los Angeles City College, is the first construction conversion project in the United States to achieve a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) rating. Two UK-based BREEAM assessors attended the 2005 LACCD Sustainability Conference last December to present the award to LACCD.



The Van de Kamp Building, unoccupied since 1988, will keep its historic exterior while being remodeled to meet high energy efficiency standards.

BREEAM seeks to minimize the adverse effects of new building construction on the environment while promoting healthy indoor conditions for the occupants. The environmental impacts of a new building, such as energy use, waste disposal, transportation concerns, and water usage, are assessed at the design stage. The adaptive reuse of the Van de Kamp building will retain the historic value of the site in Glassell Park, while being energy efficient and generating its own electricity with photovoltaic panels.

The Van de Kamp building also will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified standards. The LEED Green Building Rating System, similar to the UK's BREEAM, is the U.S. standard for developing high-performance sustainable buildings.

The Los Angeles Community College District is undertaking the largest sustainable building program in the United States. Funded by Propositions A and AA, which provide \$2.2 billion in voter-approved funds, the District has shown strong leadership in its adoption of sustainable design principles. LACCD has set the goal to self produce 25 percent of its energy needs with 10 percent utilizing solar energy. The project is set to begin in next summer and should be completed in time for the spring semester in 2008.

For more information about BREEAM, visit their website at [www.breeam.org](http://www.breeam.org). For more information on LEED, visit the Green Building Council's website at [www.usgbc.org/LEED](http://www.usgbc.org/LEED).

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## Holiday Card Recycling

The City of Los Angeles City Facilities Recycling Program has been collecting holiday and other greeting cards for reuse for many years. The cards were sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children and the card-fronts were made into cards, which were sold to raise funds for programs. Recycling has been so successful that they have an abundance of cards and are no longer accepting them. The City still will collect the cards and now will send them to local nonprofits for use in arts and crafts projects.



Photo courtesy of St. Jude's Ranch for Children

City residents who would like to donate cards may bring them to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) customer services offices. For more information, check LADWP's website at [www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp005219.jsp](http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp005219.jsp). City employees may send them to City Facilities Recycling Program, Room 501, MS# 508, City Hall South.

If you are a nonprofit and would like to receive these greeting cards on a first-come first-serve basis, please call (213) 978-7606 to make a request. To buy the recycled cards from the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, please visit their website at [www.stjudesranch.org/Content/cardprogram.asp](http://www.stjudesranch.org/Content/cardprogram.asp).

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!



Please recycle your tree by cutting and placing it in your green yard-trimmings container. If you are unable to use your green container, you also may recycle your tree by bringing it to one of the drop-off sites listed below. Before recycling your tree, please remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel, and stand. Trees left at curbs or in alleys and streets cannot be collected. Per Los Angeles Municipal Code 57.21.06, it is illegal to leave trees at the curb or on street due to extreme fire hazard. For more information call (800) 773-2489.

**En Español** - Por favor recicle su árbol de Navidad con cortándolo y poniendolo en el bote verde. Si por alguna razón no puede ponerlo en su bote verde, tambien puede llevandolo alguno de los sitios de reciclamiento. Antes de reciclar su árbol, favor de quitarle todas las decoraciones y el estante. Los árboles dejados en las banquetas y callejones no serán recogidos. El Código Municipal 57.21.06 prohíbe que se tiren árboles en las calles debido o en las banquetas al peligro de incendio.

LOS ANGELES ZOO  
At Griffith Park, Junction Of  
Golden State (5), & Ventura (134) Frwys

ARLETA  
Branford Park  
13300 Branford Street

BOYLE HEIGHTS  
Hollenbeck Recreation Center  
415 South St. Louis Steet

CHATSWORTH  
Chatsworth Park South  
22360 Devonshire Street

CRENSHAW  
Rancho Cienega Recreation Center  
5001 Rodeo Road

ENCINO  
Balboa Sports Center  
17015 Burbank Boulevard

HARBOR CITY  
Harbor Regional Park  
25820 Vermont Avenue

HIGHLAND PARK  
Highland Park Senior Citizen Center—6200 York Boulevard

HOLLYWOOD  
Hollywood Bowl  
2301 North Highland Boulevard

RANCHO PARK  
Cheviot Hills Recreation Center— 2551 Motor Avenue

SOUTH LOS ANGELES  
South Park  
345 East 51st Street

SOUTH LOS ANGELES  
Algin Sutton Recreation Center—8800 South Hoover Street

SUNLAND  
Sunland Park  
8651 Foothill Boulevard

SYLMAR  
Sylmar Park  
8651 Foothill Boulevard

VENICE  
Oakwood Recreation Center  
767 California Avenue

WESTCHESTER  
Westchester Municipal Building  
7166 West Manchester Avenue

## Orcas Found to Be Exposed to Hazardous Chemicals



Norwegian scientists have now found that of all Arctic animals, orcas, commonly known as killer whales, have been exposed to the greatest amount of contamination. Tests have shown that their tissues contain pesticides, brominated flame retardants, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), some of which have been banned from use for many years.

The results are based on blubber samples taken from orcas in Tysfjord, a fjord in arctic Norway. This is the first time the findings of the research, carried out by the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI) and partially funded by the Norwegian Research Council, have been revealed. The findings have disturbed researchers because killer whales can be regarded as indicators of the health of marine environments. The high levels of contaminants may show that arctic seas are not as clean as thought to be, and that the pollution is affecting animals at the top of the food chain.

Orcas are found throughout arctic Norway, but congregate in the Tysfjord area to feed on spawning herring during the winter. The appearance of a potentially dangerous brominated flame retardant in killer whales is of particular concern, because – unlike PCBs and the most harmful pesticides – most hazardous brominated flame retardants are not currently banned. Brominated flame retardants can affect the animals' neurological function, behavior and reproduction.

The European Council of Ministers achieved political agreement on REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) last December, approving the replacement of all hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives whenever possible. The United States also is pursuing similar measures with recently proposed Federal legislation to implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and the POPs Protocol to the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollutants.

Due to their unique characteristics, POPs, which include substances such as DDT, PCBs and dioxins, are chemicals of both local and global concern. POPs are toxic, persist in the environment for long periods of time, and accumulate as they move up the food chain. For more information on the Stockholm Convention, to which the U.S. is a signatory, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website about POPs at [www.epa.gov/oppead1/international/pops.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppead1/international/pops.htm). For more on the orca study, visit the Norwegian Polar Institute at <http://npiweb.npolar.no/>.

## US Environmental Protection Agency Grant Proposals: Washington Boulevard Community-Wide Assessment

The Environmental Affairs Department has applied for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funds which will be used to expand the Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments in the Washington Boulevard Project near the intersection of the Santa Monica and Harbor Freeways. The area is bounded by Santa Monica Freeway on the north, Harbor Freeway on the West, Adams Boulevard on the South and San Pedro or Main streets on the east. The location is at San Pedro near Washington Boulevard (northern stretch of eastern boundary), and Main street near Adams Boulevard (southern stretch). The grant will help determine the extent of contamination and develop remediation strategies as needed. The City is directing a targeted, focused approach for this area because, for more than a decade, South Los Angeles has been littered with under-utilized commercial corridors, fenced abandoned industrial areas, and has struggled to remove the causes of blight and barriers to economic revitalization in this community. The grant also will allow the City to investigate numerous parcels that have been troubled by perceived or actual environmental contamination, market these properties for revitalization, and provide residents of South L.A. with the opportunity to create a shared vision for the redevelopment of their community. These funds will serve as the catalyst to create affordable housing, sustainable commercial and industrial development and much-needed areas of recreational and open-space uses.

For more information, call Craig Tranby at EAD at (213) 978-0871, or email [Craig.Tranby@lacity.org](mailto:Craig.Tranby@lacity.org).

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Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for more grant opportunities.

**Arbor Day Poster Contest** This contest is open to all California fifth grade children assisted by their teachers, parents, youth or club leaders. The free curriculum kit contains suggestions for activities and projects that will increase student awareness and appreciation of the importance of trees and conservation of forests. The contest theme for 2006 is "Trees are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes." These activities are correlated to California's science standards! To request a kit, contact Kay Antunez at the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-7958 or [Antunez@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Antunez@fire.ca.gov). For more information, log on to The National Arbor Day Foundation Web site at [www.arborday.org/](http://www.arborday.org/). The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**.

**Corporation for National & Community Service, Learn and Serve America Grant**

The purpose of this grant competition is to promote the development and sustainability of high-quality community-based service-learning programs in youth-serving community organizations. Funds will be used by intermediary organizations to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; make subgrants to local organizations that will implement service-learning programs for youth ages five to seventeen; and strengthen, expand, and anchor a network of youth-serving community-based organizations that implement service-learning programs. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 7, 2006**. For more information, email Brad Lewis at [LSAcommunity@cns.gov](mailto:LSAcommunity@cns.gov) or call (202) 606-7510.

**Department of Energy (DOE) Industrial Assessment Center Project**

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Golden Field Office (GO) is soliciting applications for Industrial Assessment Centers (IACs or Centers). The IAC Program enables small and medium sized manufacturers (those with energy costs between \$100,000 and \$2.5 million per year) to have comprehensive assessments performed at no cost to the manufacturer. Teams of engineering faculty and students from the Centers conduct assessments and provide training to help regional manufacturers operate more efficiently and improve competitiveness. For more information, visit <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/>

UNID/EF9F07FCCC4B6F4D8525703E006D1794? OpenDocument. The application deadline is **Tuesday, January 17, 2006**.

**California's Petroleum Brownfield Grant Program: Orphan Site Cleanup Account (OSCA)**

The OSCA Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants for the cleanup of brownfield sites contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks where there is no financially responsible party. The fund will provide grants of up to \$1,500,000 per site for assessment and cleanup costs at brownfield sites contaminated by petroleum, including contamination caused by a refined product of petroleum or petroleum derivative. The OSCA Program regulations and application are now available. Applications received by **January 12, 2006** will receive priority ranking and be ranked as if received on the same date. Applications received after this date will be ranked according to the order in which they are received. Non-profit organizations, in addition to local and state government agencies, are eligible to apply. For more information, visit the Center for Creative Land Recycling's website at [www.cclr.org/announcements.htm#funding](http://www.cclr.org/announcements.htm#funding), or call (415) 398-1080.

**Water Conservation Field Services Program**

The purpose of WCFSP is to fulfill its water conservation-related obligation to encourage and implement water conservation measures on Federal Reclamation projects. The four major components of the WCFSP are to: Assist in developing effective water management and conservation plans; encourage and promote implementation of water efficiency measures; demonstrate conservation technologies; and promote and support water education and training. The objective of this request for proposals is to invite agricultural and Municipal and Industrial (M&I) water user entities, states, local governments, water providers, universities, nonprofits and other entities to leverage their money and resources, by cost sharing with Reclamation, on projects/activities that make more efficient use of existing water supplies through water conservation and efficiency in Southern California. The deadline to apply is **March 3, 2006**. For more information, call 702-293-8570 or email [mfridmann@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:mfridmann@lc.usbr.gov).

# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## EACH MONTH:

(EAD recommends contacting event sponsor prior to event)

schedules and locations, contact CNI at (310) 860-9484.

## THIS MONTH:

### **Weekend Tidepool Walks at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA)**

CMA Education staff will conduct tours of the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge during weekend low tides. Attend an informative slide show in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, then come along on a naturalist-led ramble on the rocks. Life ranging from simple sea anemones to mussels, sea stars, crabs and tidepool fishes are revealed. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised. Fee: \$1. Reservations required for groups. Contact the Aquarium for more information at (310) 548-7562, or visit [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org). The Aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro.

### **Children's Nature Institute (CNI) Family Walks**

CNI docents will lead families with babies, toddlers and children up to eight-years old on exciting educational outdoor adventures. Walks are two hours long with many fun and educational activities. Children will search for animal homes and hideaways, listen for animal activity, mimic the sounds of nature, sing songs, smell and touch plants, learn how to treat plants and animals respectfully, learn about colors, shapes and sizes in nature and more. Family Nature Walks are scheduled on weekdays and weekends at over 40 kid-safe sites in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties year-round. Many sites are stroller accessible. Reservations are required. For more information on walk

### **All Month Long**

### **Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square**

Downtown Los Angeles' Pershing Square will host this holiday season's premier outdoor ice rink. This 50' x 90' attraction will serve as a recreational activity for children and adults to enjoy. Skating runs **through January 16, 2006**, Mondays through Thursdays, noon to 9 pm, and Fridays through Sundays, 10 am to 10 pm. The holiday fun takes place at Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive Street, Downtown Los Angeles \$9 per hour. For more information, contact the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. (888) LA PARKS (527-2757), or visit [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org).

### **IMAX Theater Presents Wild Safari 3D: A South African Adventure**

Join the search for the "Big Five" animals of the African grasslands—the elephant, the Cape buffalo, the rhino, the leopard, and the lion. Once considered the most dangerous animals in Africa, they are among the most spectacular and exciting animals on the planet. *Wild Safari 3D* puts you in the passenger seat of a South African Safari vehicle using the most advanced live-action 3D cinematography available today. Charging elephants, hungry lions, elusive leopards are all part of the adventure as you experience the plight of creatures and their resurgence from the brink of extinction. Call the IMAX Theater at (213) 744-7400 for show times, or visit <http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php>.

The EAD website, located at [www.lacity.org/EAD](http://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.

[californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php](http://californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php). The IMAX Theater is located in Exposition Park at 700 State Drive in Los Angeles.

### **Healthy Children, Healthy Planet**

This discussion course, sponsored and held at the El Dorado Nature Center, is to understand the pervasive effects of ads, media and consumer culture upon a child's view of the world. Participants will discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for kids. Explore ways to develop each child's connection to nature and to foster creativity. Each participant will help lead the conversation. Tuesday evenings 7 to 9 pm, **January 17 to March 7**. \$20 materials fee. For more information, call the Center at (562) 570-1745. The El Dorado Nature Center is located at 7550 E. Spring Street in Long Beach.

**Cabrillo Whalewatch** Go to sea any day of the week from the **day after Christmas through the end of March** in search of gray whales on their migration along the Southern



## THIS MONTH: (continued)

California coast. Whalewatch volunteers will lead two-hour boat trips from various landings. Join the fantastic viewing by calling Cabrillo Whalewatch at (310) 548-8397. The trips take place Tuesdays through Fridays, from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Fees vary by landing.

### Sun, Jan 8

#### Storytime at the Museum of the American Indian: *Sing Down the Rain and When Clay Sings*



Judi Moreillon's *Sing Down the Rain*, is a story about the Sonoran Desert, where water is life, and the most important ceremonies are those that bring rain. Listen to that, then find out the kinds of stories a clay pot holds in *When Clay Sings* by Byrd Baylor. *Storytime* takes place at 1:30 pm at the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, located at 234 Museum Drive in Los Angeles. For more information, call (323) 221-2164. Free with admission.

### Thurs, Jan 19

**The Imperial Valley of California, Water, Agriculture, Urban Growth: Questions of Scale and History Lecture** Stephanie Pinceti, Director of UCLA's Urban Center for People and the Environment, will examine issues of urban growth affecting the Imperial Valley. The lecture begins at 7 pm at the Museum of the American West, located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Los Angeles. Free,

reservations required. For more information, visit <http://autrynationalcenter.org>, or call (323) 667-2000.

### Sun, Jan 22

#### Whale Fiesta!! at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA)



Join CMA as they celebrate the migration of the Pacific gray whale and the beginning of the whale watching season with the building of a life-sized gray whale out of sand! The Fiesta is a family day filled with activities and exhibits for all--games, arts and crafts, puppet shows, food and gift vendors, marine awareness organizations, guest lecturers, and music! For those with the competitive edge, enter the duct tape Whale Sculpture and the Great Cetacean Creation Sand Sculpture contests. A 25-cent shuttle ride is available at 22nd and Miner Streets (at the end of Harbor Boulevard). Free admission. For more information, visit <http://www.cabrilloaq.org/spevents.html>, or call (310) 548-7562.

### Fri thru Sat, Jan 27 to 28



#### Winter Plant Sale

The Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants will be having a plant sale from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days. Members will receive a 15% discount; non-members a 10% discount. Theodore Payne is located at 10459 Tuxford Street in Sun Valley. For more information, call (818) 768-1802.

### Sat, Jan 28—S.F. Bay Area

**THE 29th Annual Bay Area Environmental Education Resource (BAEER) Fair** One hundred exhibitors and numerous workshops for educators and parents with a special interest in wildlife, ecology, adventure and much more. The fair takes place at the Marin Civic Center located in San Rafael, from 10 am to 4 pm. Discover the latest in classroom materials, environmental education programs, and field trip sites. Join in the fun and attend workshops introducing conservation/wildlife education, school gardens, and strategies for fostering environmental awareness. For more information call (510) 657-4847, or visit [www.baeerfair.org](http://www.baeerfair.org). Sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Greenbelt Alliance, and East Bay Municipal Utility District.

## NEXT MONTH:

### Tues, Feb 7

**Coral Reef Restoration in Southeast Asia** While the United States is recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the December 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami continues to wreak havoc on the ecological systems that are the lifeblood of Southeast Asian communities. Debris still rolls around on coral reefs, and with every wave, more coral is broken. Join marine biologist Dr. Deborah Brosnan, of the Tsunami Reef Action Fund, to discuss her work with the restoration of coral reefs in Southeast Asia. The event takes place at the Aquarium of the Pacific, located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. \$7. The talk begins at 7 pm. For more information, call (562) 590-3100 ext. 0.

## Invasive Plant Species

Invasion of non-native plant species is one of the primary threats to the sustainability of California's wildlands and agricultural areas. Once established, some invasive species have the ability to displace or replace desirable native plant and animal species, disrupt nutrient and fire cycles, and cause changes in the pattern of plant succession in an ecosystem. Estimates suggest that nearly 4,600 acres of public natural areas are lost to invasive exotic plant species every day. Noxious plants such as salt cedar, a plant that can greatly increase soil salinity, may make habitats unsuitable for other species to regrow in the future. The pervasion of invasive species also can result in huge costs in property damage and loss of economic productivity. Invasive and exotic plant species such as yellowstar thistle, salt cedar, perennial pepperweed, several knapweed species, and leafy spurge have made some once-productive agricultural lands nearly worthless in several western states, including California.



Perennial pepperweed

The costs and consequences of invasive species are high, but the costs and consequences of doing nothing to limit their proliferation are greater. Luckily, there are many user-friendly resources for Californians to use in taking action against the spread of invasive species, including websites that can help professionals and home gardeners select aesthetically-pleasing native plants appropriate for their communities:

### California State-Listed Noxious Weeds

[http://plants.usda.gov/cgi\\_bin/state\\_noxious.cgi?statefips=06](http://plants.usda.gov/cgi_bin/state_noxious.cgi?statefips=06)

This is a listing of noxious weeds threatening the sustainability of California's natural and agricultural ecosystems. In addition to listing the scientific name and common name, the state noxious status for each species is provided. Users can click on the scientific name to link to images and a distribution map of each plant by state.

### Great California Native Plants

[http://www.bewaterwise.com/great\\_native.html](http://www.bewaterwise.com/great_native.html)

This website recommends a number of California native plant species to choose from in developing garden landscapes. The site provides pictures, descriptions, and cultivating information.

### Invasive Plant Management Guide

[http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/art\\_pubs/GUIDE/guideframe.htm](http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/art_pubs/GUIDE/guideframe.htm)

This website provides a thorough description of invasive species management techniques by plant species, including herbaceous, woody, and other plant varieties. Control options include non-chemical management techniques, as well as information on proper use of herbicides where chemical intervention is necessary.

## Disposing Holiday E-Waste

Computers, TV's, VCR's, stereos, copiers, fax machines, telephones, and other common electronic products are thrown away in higher volume around the holidays as consumers buy products with improved technology. Although these products often are discarded in landfills—potentially contaminating the environment with hazardous chemicals—many can be reused, refurbished or recycled. In light of this, the Bureau of Sanitation has established a number of permanent collection sites throughout the city, known as S.A.F.E. (solvent, automotive, flammables, and electronics) Centers. These S.A.F.E. Centers are open every weekend and provide a timely and convenient way to dispose of household e-waste. In addition, the Bureau of Sanitation's Residential Special Materials Collection Program sponsors periodic mobile collection events throughout the city, where residents can drop-off their unwanted household electronic equipment. For more information, visit the Bureau of Sanitation website at [www.lacity.org/san](http://www.lacity.org/san), or call 1-800-98-TOXIC.



### **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) 978-0888**. You can also visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/ead> and click on *Environmental Information Center*.

#### **Air Quality**

*Calidad del aire*

South Coast Air Quality Management District  
(800) 288-7664

#### **Asbestos**

*Asbestos*

Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5100

#### **Bulky Item Pick-up**

*Recogida de articulos grandes*

L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Hazardous Waste/e-Waste**

*Desembolso de materiales peligrosos*

L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
(888) 253-2652  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 988-6942

#### **Housing and Building Complaints**

*Las quejas del construccion y albergar*

Housing Code Enforcement  
(213) 367-9411

#### **Illegal Storm Drain Dumping**

*Depositos en los drenajes de desagües*

Stormwater Management  
(800) 974-9794

#### **Indoor Air or Mold Concerns**

*Aire interior ó preocupaciones de moho*

Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5440

#### **Lead Poisoning**

*Veneno del plomo*

National Lead Information Center  
(800) 424-5323

#### **Leaf Blowers**

*Sopladores de hojas*

Leaf Blower Complaint Line  
(800) 996-2489

#### **Mosquitoes**

*Infestaciones de mosquitos*

L.A. West Mosquito Abatement  
(310) 915-7370

#### **Recycling**

*Reciclaje*

City of L.A. Public Works Dept.  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Smoking Violations**

*Infracciones de fumar*

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(888) 333-0730

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