



CITY of CALABASAS

COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS 2022 CALENDAR

Live Simply So Others Can Simply
GIVE

Eat What
You Buy

Buy What
You Eat



THEME: "I CAN REDUCE AND RECYCLE FOOD WASTE BY..."

don't waste food!





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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

JANUARY 2022

About 40% of the heavy metals in landfills come from electronic equipment discards, all of which could be avoided with little e-waste recycling EFFORT!

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<p>The recycling Drawing Contest is open to students in elementary and middle schools. Drawings must be done on 8½" x 11" format in landscape orientation. Contest submissions are due at the City of Calabasas by October 21, 2022.</p>					<p>FEBRUARY 2022</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>City Hall & Library Closed</p>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28					
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FEBRUARY 2022

Grease and foodstuff that goes into your sink drain leads to the sewer system. These build up as sludge and can cause clogging and illicit discharges in the sewer system, which present health hazards to the community.

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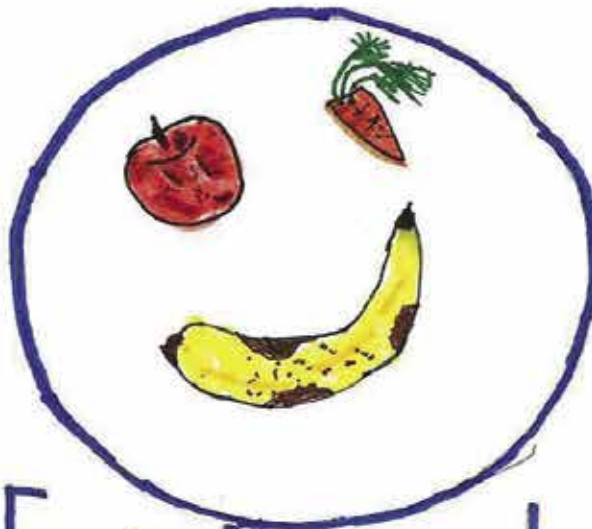
Tossing an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out half of that can's volume of gasoline. If each person recycles one aluminum can each month, energy savings equal 1,750 to 3,500 gallons of gas.

Tobacco products, mostly cigarette butts, are the most littered item on U.S. roadways (38%). This is followed by paper (22%) and plastic (19%). Most of the litter on roads and highways is caused by people.

Ways To Reduce And Recycle Food Waste



Don't buy too much food



Eat fruits and veggies even if they are not perfect



Don't throw out leftovers, eat them another day



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MARCH 2022

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. The trees planted on Arbor Day show a concern for future generations. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and, some day, provide wood products, wildlife habitat, erosion control, shelter from the wind and sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and our children. Please join the City of Calabasas Arbor Day Celebration by planting a tree.

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Water Based Paint & Used Oil
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From 10 am to 2 pm
Calabasas City Hall Parking Lot
100 Civic Center Way

13 Daylight Savings
Time Begins at 2:00 a.m.

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Arbor Day Celebration
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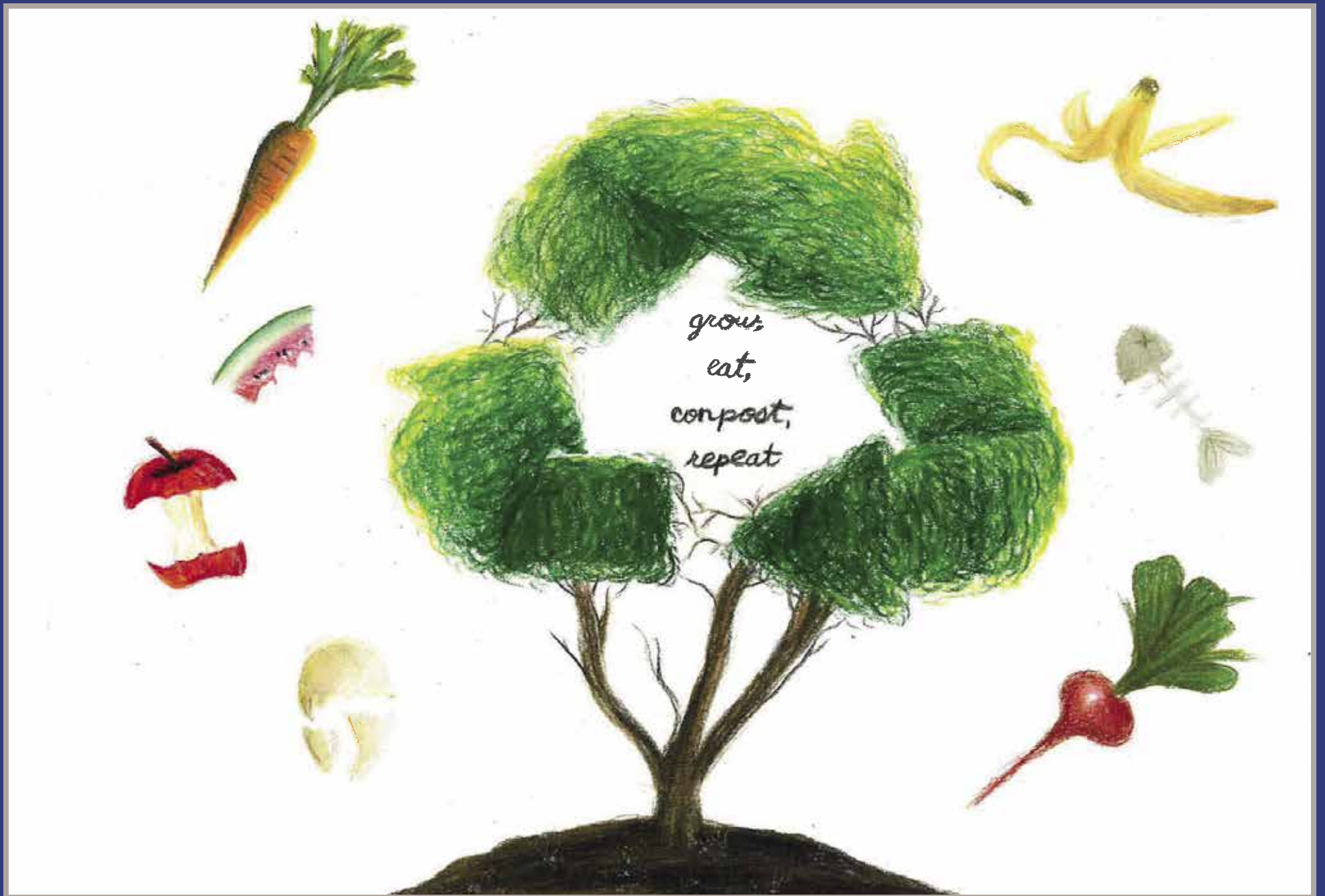
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By reducing the amount of energy used by industry, recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions that may lead to global warming. Energy used in the industrial processes and in transportation involves burning fossil fuels like gasoline, diesel and coal.



Grace Halecky | 7th Grade | A.E. Wright Middle School | Teacher: Milinda Jaffe



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APRIL 2022

Join the City of Calabasas in celebrating Earth Day/ Green Expo. The event provides a great opportunity for environmental organizations and local/small businesses to present and introduce their activities, products and services to visitors. The event is also a day of fun and festivities for the whole family.

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<p>Beverage containers covered under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act are subject to California Redemption Value (CRV), which is 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces, 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or larger. More than 300 billion aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers have been recycled since the program began in 1987.</p>				<p>MAY 2022</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					1	2
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Earth Day Celebration
Las Virgenes Creek
on Agoura Road
2:00 to 5:00 PM

Please Compost

Compost

recycle





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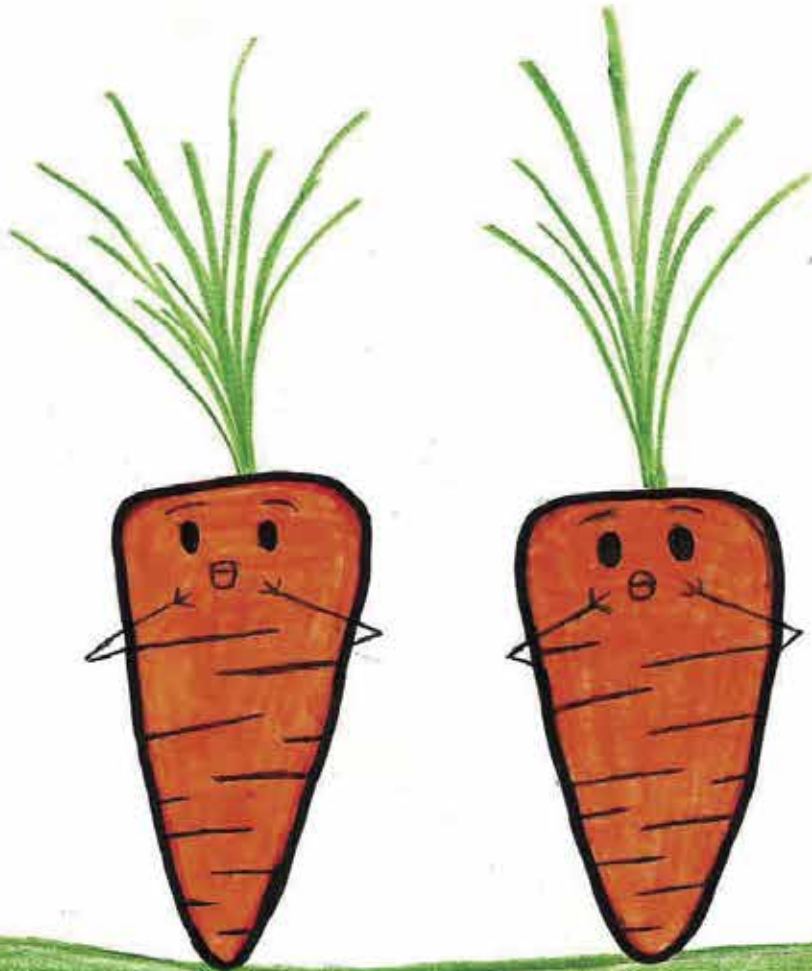
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MAY 2022

Water pumping is one of the largest uses of electricity in the arid Western states. Every drop of water we conserve also saves electricity. Turn off the water faucet when brushing your teeth. This simple act can save 9 gallons of water every time you brush.

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JUNE 2022

Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for 3 hours or to light one 100 watt bulb for 20 hours. Aluminum can be recycled again and again without losing quality- the same aluminum can appear back on store shelves as many as 4 times in just one year.

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Recycling reduces the need for landfills, but it also does much more. By recycling, you are conserving natural resources, reducing the amount of pollution and greenhouse gases released into the environment, and you are conserving energy.						
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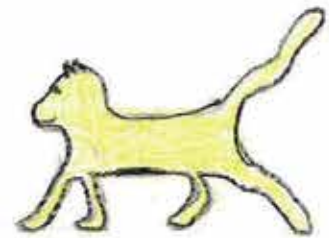
Reduce,
eat all food



Share



Pets, animals,
eat left overs



COMpost



Trash last option





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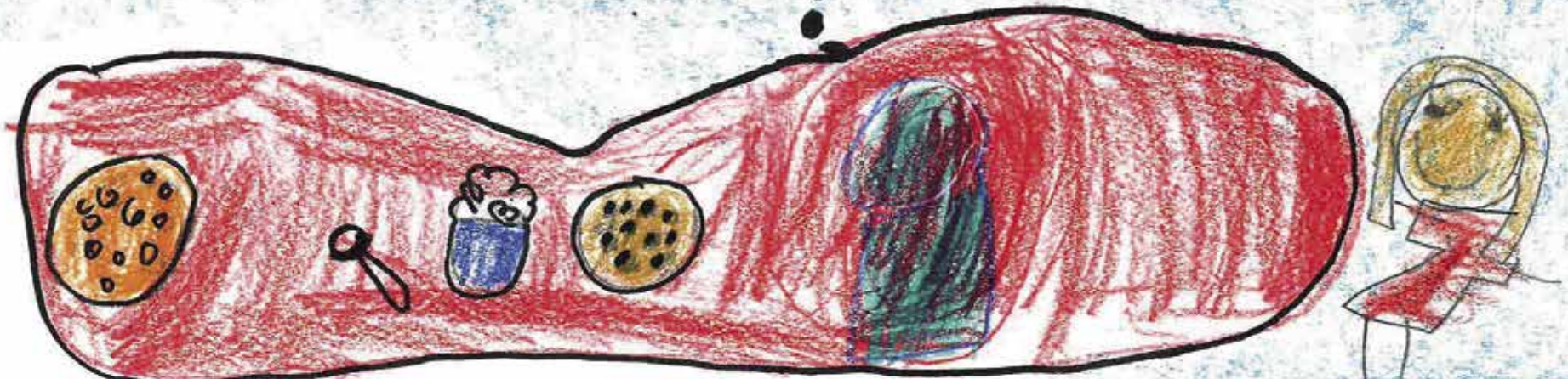
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JULY 2022

Food and paper are the two largest contributors to landfills, and make up more than half of all landfill waste – more than all plastics, diapers, Styrofoam, and tires, COMBINED.

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<p>Litter cleanup costs the U.S. almost \$11.5 billion each year, with businesses paying \$9.1 billion. Governments, schools, and other organizations pick up the remainder.</p> <hr/> <p>Get 5¢ when you recycle beverage containers 24 ounces or less and 10¢ for each container greater. To find a recycling center in your area, visit CalRecycle's Recycling Centers page.</p>			<p>AUGUST 2022</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					1	2
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AUGUST 2022

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in creeks and rivers. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

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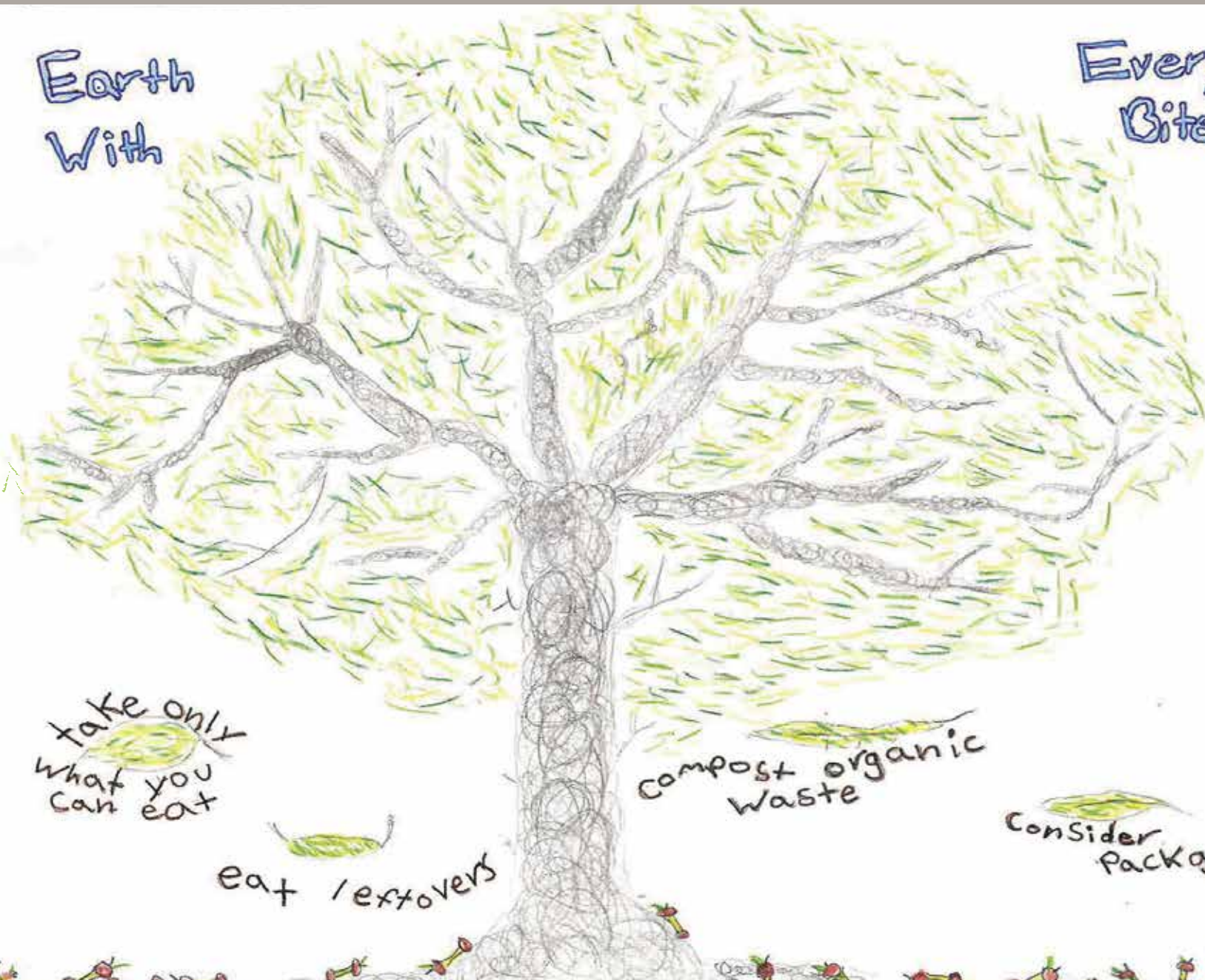
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Keep Them Wild:
Human food and garbage may facilitate tooth decay, ulcers, malformation of horns, arthritis, or cause the spread of diseases such as rabies and distemper in wild animals.

COMPOSTER

Earth
With

Every
Bite



take only
what you
can eat

eat leftovers

compost organic
waste

consider
packaging



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SEPTEMBER 2022

Animals will eat anything with an odor including aluminum foil, plastic and other food wrappings. These can severely damage an animal's digestive system and may even facilitate death. Properly dispose of boxes, wrappers, plastics, cans, etc. in animal resistant garbage containers.

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<p>Consumers pay California Redemption Value (CRV) when they purchase beverages from a retailer, and receive CRV refunds when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Most beverages packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal containers are eligible for CRV. Notable exceptions are milk, wine and distilled spirits, which are not included in the CRV program.</p>																																																							
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Audrey Mediuch | 5th Grade | Bay Laurel Elementary School | Teacher: Julie Atkinson



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OCTOBER 2022

Practice Grasscycling – By leaving your grass clippings on your lawn after mowing, it adds valuable nutrients to the soil and reduces the amount of waste you need to dispose of.

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<p>1. 47 million gallons of oil is consumed to produce the bottles that Americans drink out of each year. This is enough oil to take 100,000 cars off the road and 1-billion pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.</p>					<p>NOVEMBER 2022</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				1
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Entries for 2022 Recycling Drawing Contest Due

Halloween

REDUCE & RECYCLE FOOD WASTE

BY:

I ♥ Composting

COMPOST!
NOW!

IT'S
COOL

SAVE
The
PLANET
FOREVER!



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Do not sell, buy or use anticoagulant rodenticides. The products contain active ingredients that cause lethal internal hemorrhaging in animals that ingest the poison. Pets and wildlife may also be killed by ingesting rodenticides or may become sick or die due to secondary exposure from consuming the dead or dying poisoned rodents.

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20	21	22 America Recycles Day	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>The Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award is a symbol of commitment to the local environment. The award honors a wide array of individuals, businesses, municipalities, government agencies, organizations, institutions, all working to benefit our environment. It also recognizes voluntary activities, exceptional commitment and innovation to improve the environment. Nominations for the award are welcomed.</p>		

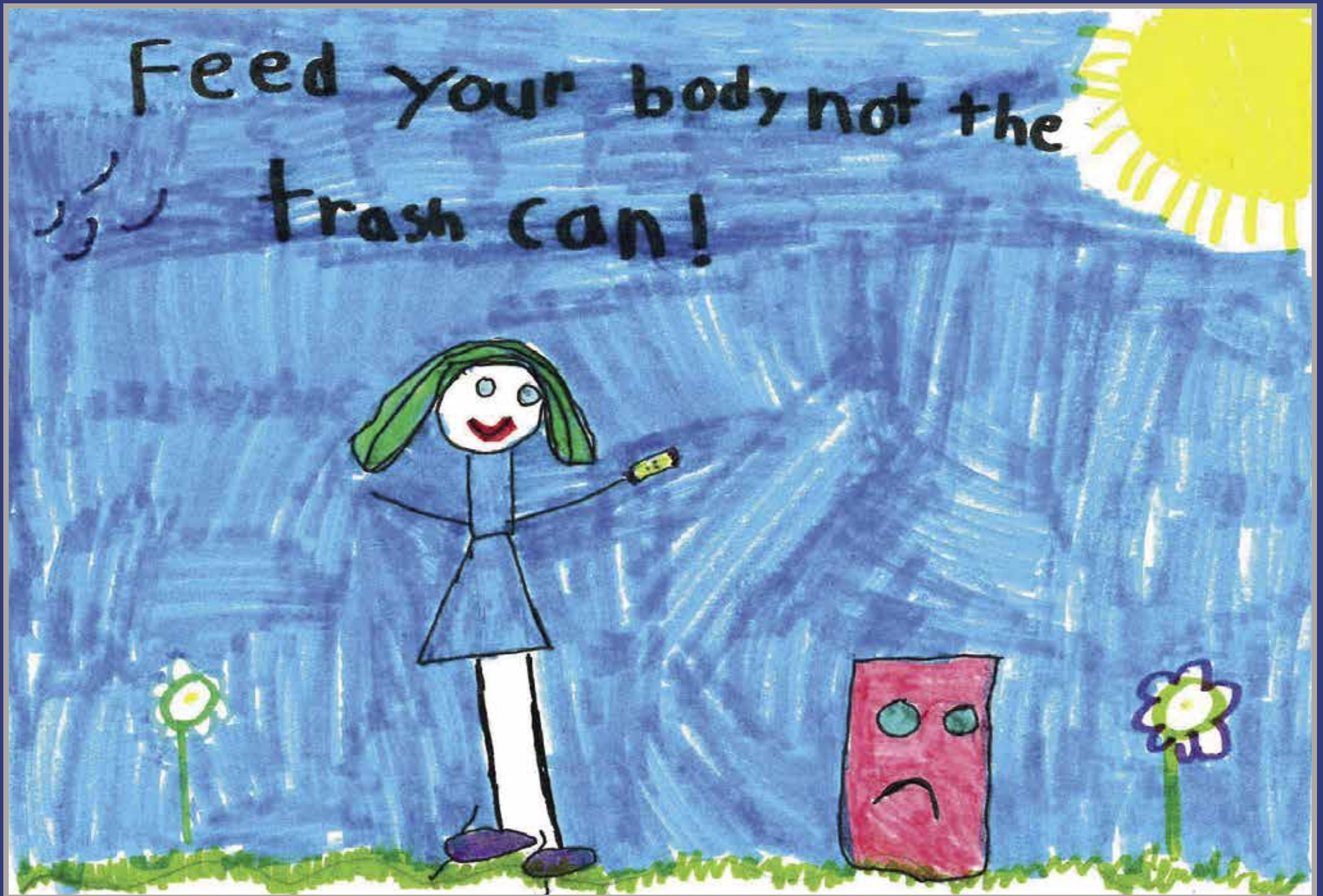
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Nominations for 2022 Environmental Excellence Award are due.

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Keshet Eitan | 1st Grade | Bay Laurel Elementary School | Teacher: Sharon Horne



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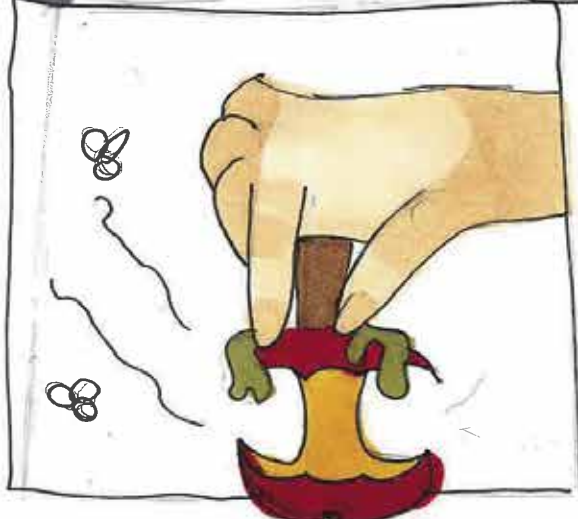
About 85% of littering is the result of individual attitudes. Changing individual behavior is the key to preventing litter. When people are not careful to properly dispose of trash and household toxic substances, wild animals suffer.

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No tires el reciclaje en
la basura!

Madre quiere recoger
después de ti.

recógete tu
mismo!



Mantenlo Limpio



Puedo reducir y reciclar

los desperdicios
de Comida



Living With Urban Coyotes

Everyone enjoys observing wildlife in its natural environment. However, many well-meaning residents of urban hillside and rural areas have promoted an unnatural boldness in coyotes by intentionally or unintentionally feeding them. Recognize that the coyote is indigenous to Calabasas. We built our city in the coyote's backyard and the coyote has adapted to this environment. We should adapt to the presence of the coyote. There are precautions residents should take to mitigate unwanted interactions.

What You Can Do to Protect Your Family, Pets, Poultry and Livestock?

Coyotes are capable of scaling fences up to six feet high. They will also dig under fences. They can be deterred by a solid fencing with no visibility to the inside. Bury the bottom of the fence at least six to twelve inches underground to prevent the coyote from digging underneath. A covered enclosure set up with a pet door will permit your pet to go safely outdoors.



Coyotes are wild animals and should be treated as such. No attempt should be made to pet or otherwise make contact with them.

Chicken, rabbits, and other small animals often kept outside should be kept in well-protected areas and in sturdy cages at night. Cages made of chicken wire will not keep desperate coyotes or other predators from entering. Stronger gauge wiring is a necessity in protecting these small animals. City residents are advised to give special attention to the following do's and don'ts:

DO'S

- Keep your cat or small dog indoors at night or any other time when a coyote is known to be in the area
- Accompany your small dog in a well-lighted area at night for comfort walks
- Walk your dog on a leash whenever you take it off of your property
- Confine poultry and rabbits in covered enclosures constructed with heavy mesh wire. Coyotes can break through ordinary chicken wire
- Keep all outdoor trash can lids securely fastened to trash containers
- Pick backyard fruit as soon as it ripens and keep rotten fruit off the ground

DON'TS

- Don't feed wild animals
- Don't leave pet food outside, particularly at night
- Don't allow pets to roam from home, especially at night
- Don't leave water bowls for pets outdoors
- Don't leave garbage containers open
- Don't leave water in birdbaths or bird seed outdoors for songbirds

Anticoagulant Rodenticides Are you poisoning your pets and wildlife?

Anticoagulant rodenticides, more commonly known as rat poisons, kill more than just rats. Support our City's resolution against the selling and usage of anticoagulant rodenticides and help protect our wildlife and pets.

The Truth about Poisons

Using rodenticides produces short-term results but do not solve pest problems in the long term. The poison leads to a slow, painful death for all animals that ingest it, whether it's a pest, wildlife or domestic pet. As the animals weaken, they become easy prey for predators and opportunistic scavengers, killing animals that feed on poisoned prey (secondary exposure). This affects both the predator/scavenger and their offspring.

Death by Poison

Diphacinone, Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone. These are the potent anticoagulants usually set in bait box stations. Once ingested, these poisons may take up to two weeks before causing death by internal bleeding.

What Can We Do?

The Calabasas City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-1379 urging businesses in Calabasas to no longer sell or use anticoagulant rodenticides, urging all property owners to cease purchasing or using anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties in Calabasas, and committing the City of Calabasas to not using anticoagulant rodenticides as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

Alternatives to Manage Pests

Remove sources of food or strong odors around your property Remove any standing water (including fountains) and repair leaky pipes Remove any sources of shelter: wood piles, boxes, tires, debris and overgrown plants

Access

Seal all cracks and crevices that may lead into your home, garage, attic, and crawl space Use quarter inch metal mesh (not chicken wire) to seal off entry points, and steel wool for smaller holes. Keep a 2 foot space between bushes, remove tree limbs within 3 feet of roofs and keep grass 2 inches tall

Tips

Use alternatives to poisons such as: Physical traps Natural repellants such as the scents of natural predators Barn owl nesting boxes; owls are very efficient rodent control.

There are NO SAFE POISONS. Poisons are still a danger to unintended victims such as wildlife, domestic pets, and children. "Pests," such as rodents, serve a very important purpose in our ecosystem as food chain sources for other wildlife and as seed dispersers perpetuating the growth of vegetation. By using alternative methods in our homes and gardens, we can alleviate many rodent and pest problems, while allowing all animals to continue to play the vital roles they fulfill in nature.

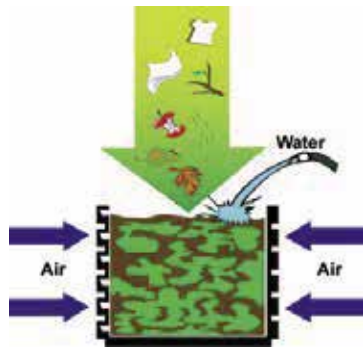
Toxic Food Chain

Scientists are finding these extremely potent poisons in a wide range of wildlife. Many animals come into direct contact with rat poisons, while others, like owls, come into contact by eating rats that have been poisoned.



Backyard Composting

Backyard composting is an attractive, simple method of managing organic wastes at home. It has the advantage of being readily adaptable to fit individual lifestyles, income, yard size, and overall ambition. Backyard composting can be performed by a variety of methods. Typically, these include placing materials in open piles, burying materials in pits or trenches and enclosing materials in drums or bins (e.g., holding bins, turning bins, and worm bins). In order to heat up properly, compost piles should be at least one cubic yard in size. This provides the minimal insulation required to sustain the high temperatures in the core of the pile. Composting bins can either be commercial units, or can be simply constructed from inexpensive materials with little carpentry skills.



Start the composting process with 50% green materials and 50% brown materials cut into pieces no larger than 1" in size. Mix the materials and add water every 7-10 days. Your compost is ready to use when it's dark brown, crumbly and smells like fresh turned earth.

The compost produced by composting is an excellent soil conditioner. It enhances the structure of soil by binding soil particles

together. This improves aeration and helps soil to retain water and nutrients. Compost also improves drainage in clay soils and water retention in sandy soils. Compost improves the buffering capacity of the soil and minimizes adverse effects to plants due to extreme shifts in soil pH. Adding compost to soil also attracts earthworms, which aerate the soil and add additional nutrients to the soil. Compost can store nutrients and release them slowly for use by surrounding plants. Although highly beneficial for soil, most composts are not considered fertilizers because they lack the amount of nitrogen necessary to be classed a fertilizer. For more information, please visit <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg/bc.cfm>.

Green Materials

- Grass clippings
- Garden trimmings
- Green leaves
- Livestock manure
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea leaves and bags

Brown Materials

- Wood chips and sawdust
- Shredded yard wastes
- Pine and fir needles
- Straw and hay
- Dry grass and leaves
- Nut shells
- Stale bread
- Shredded paper

Dispose Of Your Batteries the Right Way

In the last 10 years, over 800 documented cases of "battery incidents" have occurred in the US during the transportation of dry cell batteries. Incidents range from batteries leaking, breaking or catching fire, usually due to improper packaging or lack of insulation of batteries. The collision of battery terminals can result in discharging or dangerous buildups of heat.

US Department of Transportation has established new regulations for handling, shipping and transportation of dry cell batteries. The new regulations require that batteries be properly insulated while being transported. This can be done simply by taping the positive (+) end of each battery with tape or stickers before depositing them into collection bins.



Step 1:
Use tape or
Insulating sticker



Step 2:
Place tape on
positive (+) end



Step 3:
Fold tape
over edges

Please ensure the safety of our roads and the continued success of our battery recycling program. Insulate the positive (+) end before disposing of your battery!

FREE Used Oil and Water Based Paint Round-Up

Second Saturday of every other month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Calabasas City Hall located at 100 Civic Center Way.

January, March, May, July, September, November

Accepted Waste: Antifreeze, Automobile Batteries, Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters and Water Based Paint.

Please do not bring any other hazardous waste or chemicals.



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