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COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS 2024 CALENDAR

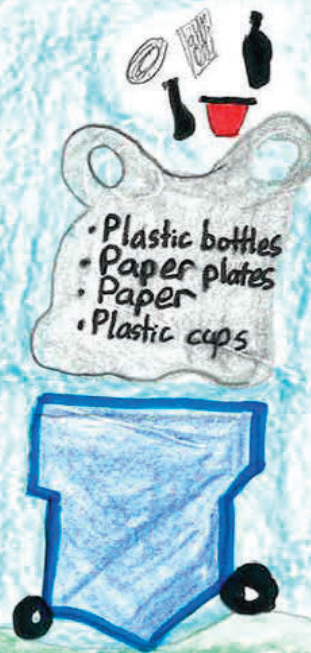


THEME: "KNOW YOUR BINS"

Know Your Bins!



Organics



Recycling



Trash



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JANUARY 2024

About 40% of the heavy metals in landfills come from electronic equipment discards and electronic waste total approximately 2% of the waste stream in the U.S. Around 25 million metric tons of e-waste is thrown away each year globally. All of this could be avoided with little e-waste recycling EFFORT!

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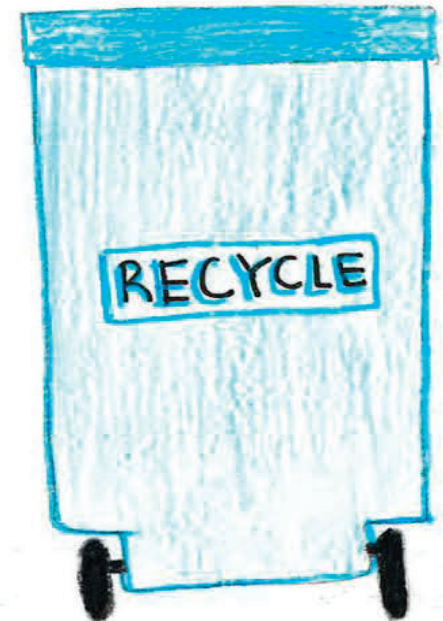
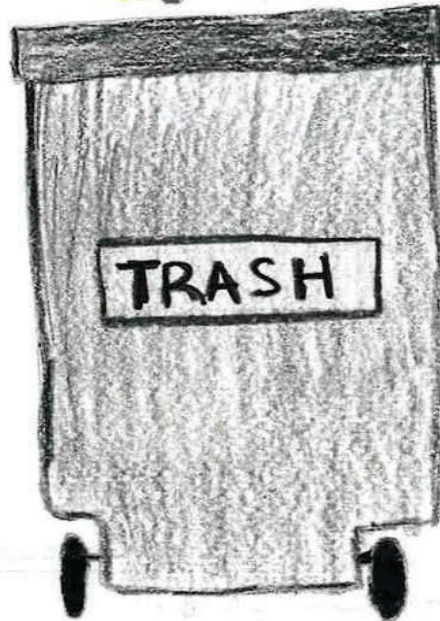
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Collection Event**
From 10 am to 2 pm
Calabasas City Hall Parking Lot
100 Civic Center Way

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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 18, 2024.

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With the help of standardized labels displayed on recycling bins throughout the community, recycling can begin to thrive and when the US recycling levels reach 75%, it will be the environmental benefit of removing 50 million cars from the road each year and it will generate 1.5 million new jobs.

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Lorenz Ursua | 3rd Grade | Lupin Hill Elementary School | Teacher: Randi Loeb



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MARCH 2024

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.

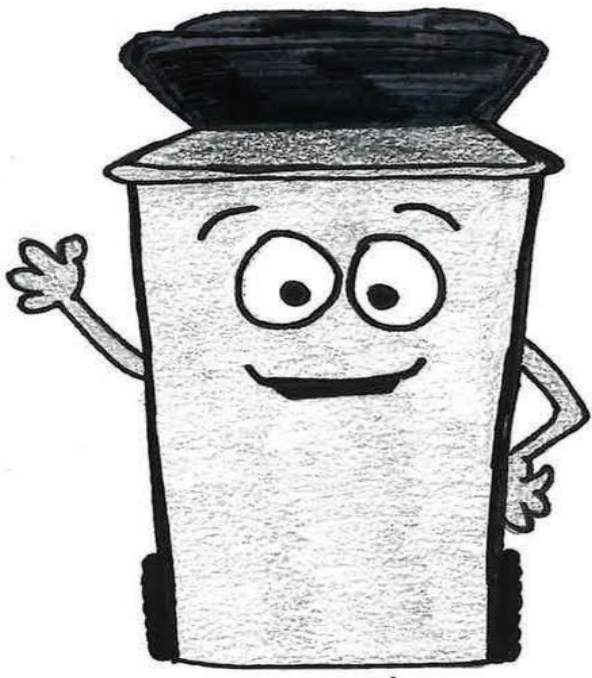
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<p>Almost half of the food in the U.S. goes to waste - approximately 3,000 pounds per second. Food waste can be used for composting and sold to farmers or it can be provided as a food source for local animal farms that meet federal, state and local regulations for food scrap usage.</p>				<p>APRIL 2023</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></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	2
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WASTE



- Plastic Bottles
- Glass Bottles
- Paper
- Food cans
- Food cartons
- Flattened cardboard



- Garden Hose
- Candy and Food wrappers
- Foam containers
- Broken Ceramics
- chip Bags
- Diapers



- Food Waste
- Produce
- yard waste
- Dairy
- Bread, Pasta
- Rice, Grains



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APRIL 2024

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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Earth Day Celebration
Las Virgenes Creek
2:00 to 5:00 PM

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.



Ava Buschmann | 4th Grade | Lupin Hill Elementary School | Teacher: Jen Wurtzel



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MAY 2024

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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<p>Choosing to ride your bike over taking the car reduces your carbon emissions by 67% on average. In 2021, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change even identified bicycling as a solution to ensure a sustainable world for everyone, both now and in the future.</p>			1	2	3	4 Free E-Waste Collections From 10am to 3 pm Albertsons Shopping Center Back Parking Lot at Agoura Road																																																	
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Lor Arsen McGrath | 7th Grade | A. E. Wright Middle School | Teacher: Brooke Schneider



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JUNE 2024

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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<p>Organic material accounts for more than half of the material in California's waste stream. Greenhouse gas emissions caused by the decomposition of organic material in landfills contribute to climate change. Line your bins with paper to help keep it clean and cover with yard trimmings or newspaper.</p>					<p>JULY 2023</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				<p>1</p> <p>Free E-Waste Collections From 10am to 3 pm Albertsons Shopping Center Back Parking Lot at Agoura Road</p>
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JULY 2024

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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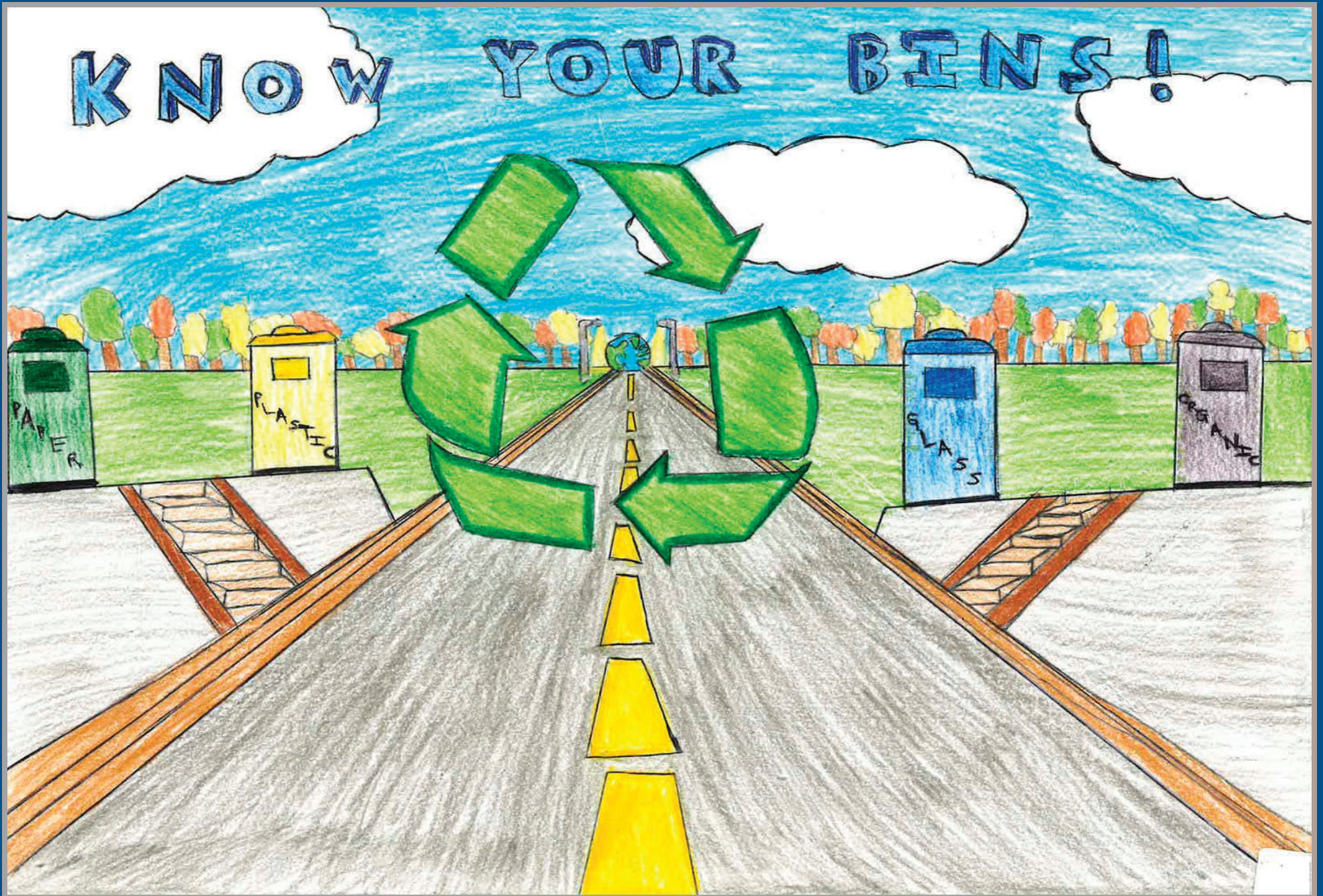
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Litter cleanup costs the U.S. almost \$11.5 billion each year, with businesses paying \$9.1 billion. Governments, schools, and other organizations pick up the remainder. Get 5¢ when you recycle beverage containers 24 ounces or less and 10¢ for each container greater. To find a recycling center in your area, visit CalRecycle's Recycling Centers page.



Benjamin Warren | 8th Grade | A. E. Wright Middle School | Teacher: Brooke Schneider



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AUGUST 2024

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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<p>The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5% of the world's people generate 40% of the world's waste. 75% of our trash can be recycled, but only 32.5% is.</p>			SEPTEMBER 2023 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	2	3
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Put things in the
correct bin.





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Fallen leaves make up roughly 25% of the 20 million tons of green waste annually. Leaves can be turned into compost or collected and recycled. Recycled leaves go into the organics bin.

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Consumers pay California Redemption Value (CRV) when they purchase beverage containers. Since implementation, California's overall beverage container recycling rates have increased significantly: from 52% in 1988 to 75% in 2019. The number of CRV containers recycled increased from 13 billion in 2006 to more than 18.4 billion in 2019. These containers comprise over 20% of all the bottles and cans recycled nationally (90 billion) in 2019. In other words, 1 out of 5 beverage containers recycled in the United States comes from California's deposit program.

"KNOW YOUR BINS"

We can do it!!

For a CLEANER EARTH



ORGANICS



RECYCLABLES



LANDFILL





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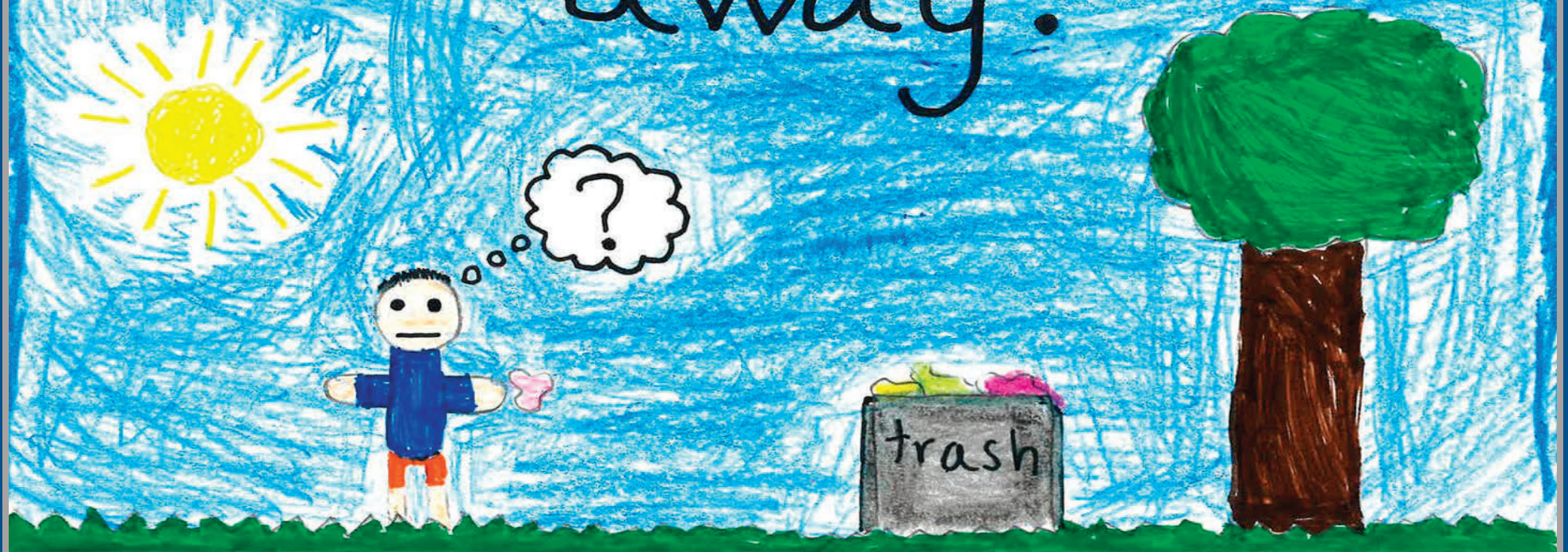
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OCTOBER 2024

International Walk to School Day includes millions of people worldwide, educating on the importance of safety, health and fitness awareness, and the promotion of environmentally friendly lifelong habits.

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20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Entries for 2024 Recycling Drawing Contest Due</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	<i>The City is making its transportation cleaner and greener. With the City's Zero-Emission Bus Plan, The City is replacing old gas and diesel busses.</i>	

Think before
you throw it
away!





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NOVEMBER 2024

On America Recycles Day, we recognize the importance and impact of recycling. The recycling rate has increased from less than seven percent in 1960 to the current rate of 32 percent. To build on our progress, EPA encourages every American to contribute by recycling right, not only on America Recycles Day, but all year long.

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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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We all Win, if we
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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?

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



DONT'S

- 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

Explore Your Neighborhood

There are many ways to enjoy nature and wildlife in and around Calabasas, here are just a few family-friendly weekend activities:

- Walk the Las Virgenes Creek Trail. The trail follows the Las Virgenes Creek and runs from north of Agoura Road between Lost Hills Road and Las Virgenes and ends across the street from De Anza Park.
- Visit the Leonis Adobe Museum and see one of the oldest surviving private residences in Los Angeles County. Just down the street you'll find the Calabasas Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.
- King Gillette Ranch is located just south of Calabasas on Mulholland Highway off of Las Virgenes Road. The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area offers hiking through meadows and along ridgelines which serve as a wildlife corridor for the region.

Anticoagulant Rodenticides Are you poisoning your pets and wildlife?

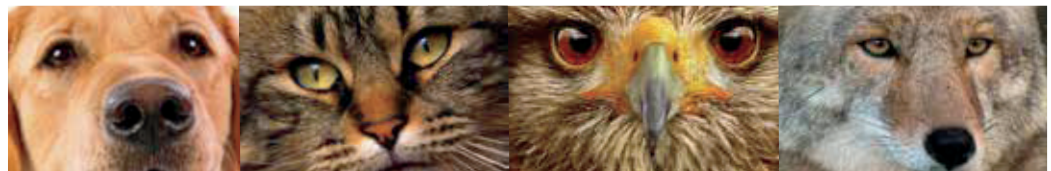
Using rodenticides produces short-term results but do not solve pest problems in the long term. The poison leads to a slow, painful death for all animals that ingest it, whether it's a pest, wildlife or domestic pet. As the animals weaken, they become easy prey for predators and opportunistic scavengers,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

In 2013, The City 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.

In 2020, the State of California passed the California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2020 (AB 1788) to minimize unintended poisonings from Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs). Despite the Bill's implementation, a 2022 California Department of Fish and Wildlife study found that 70% of the tested animals had exposure to anticoagulant rodenticides, including SGARs. In 2023, AB1322 was passed and adds diphacinone to the existing rodenticide moratorium to better protect wildlife from unintentional rodenticide poisoning. It also requires that the Department of Pesticide Regulation enact stronger, permanent restrictions on second generation anticoagulant rodenticides and diphacinone to limit unintended wildlife poisonings.

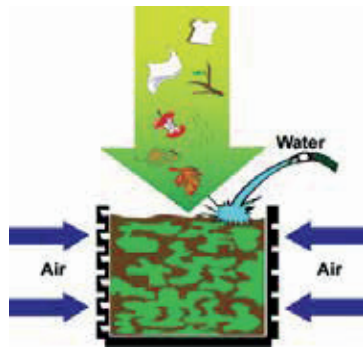
To manage pests without harmful poisoning, ensure that you remove sources of food or strong odors around your property Remove any standing water (including fountains) and repair leaky pipes Remove any sources of shelter: wood piles, boxes, tires, debris and overgrown plants. Seal all cracks and crevices 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.

"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.



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

Recycle Your Batteries the Right Way

More than 97% of lead-acid batteries are recycled, making it one of the most recycled consumer products in the world. However, the recycling rate for lithium-ion batteries is currently around 5%.

When improperly disposed of, batteries can leak heavy harmful metals, such as nickel, cadmium and lithium which contaminate our local soils, groundwater, and streams. If incinerated, batteries release toxic gases containing heavy metals into the atmosphere.

To prevent fires from batteries, tape battery terminals and/or place batteries in separate plastic bags and never put these batteries in household garbage or recycling 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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