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City Recognizes Residents who Recycle Right

Sacramento City Council, Department of Utilities and Sponsors reward eight residents with \$100, chance to win an iPad2 for properly recycling.

Sacramento City Council will award eight residents with \$100 and the chance to win an iPad2 as part of its Council Meeting on July 26 at 6 p.m. The residents are winners of the 2011 Recycling Incentive Awards, sponsored by AT&T Real Yellow Pages and the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station. As part of the competition, the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities randomly checked bins in each Council District for 8 weeks. One winner from each district who only had recyclables in their containers was selected. Mayor Kevin Johnson will randomly select one of the eight winners to receive an iPad2.

The winners of the 2011 Recycling Incentive Awards are Yolanda Owens, Emilia Presnell, Clair Mills, Eucaly Shirai, Michael Phelan, John Clover, Shannon Disantis, and Teresa Moore.

"Recycling right is the right thing to do. It is key to helping to limit contamination and ensuring that more of our waste is recycled and not going to the landfill," said Marty Hanneman, Director of the Department of Utilities.

Common items that disqualified other residents from the \$100 prize included dryer lint, pizza boxes and foam egg cartons. These items and other items that are considered contamination will be landfilled and not recycled. Currently, approximately 30% of the City's recyclables are considered contaminated and are sent to the landfill. The City must meet State mandates that limit waste sent to landfills to 6.9lbs per person per day and has a goal of diverting 85% of its waste from the landfill through the recently completed Greenwise Initiative.

The City of Sacramento accepts clean, dry and usable items in its blue recycling containers. These items include:

- Bottles and Cans
- Paper



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- Phone Books
- Cardboard
- Glass Jars
- Plastic Containers
- Newspaper
- Metal Cans and Containers
- And more! For more information, please visit www.cityofsacramento.org/recycle.

Common items that **are not permitted** for collection in blue recycle containers include:

- Items with food waste on them
- Garden hoses
- Clothing
- Foam plastic (Styrofoam)
- Light bulbs
- PVC Piping
- Batteries

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