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City Enforces Containerized Yard Waste Program Rules

Containerized Yard Waste Customers who put yard waste in the street can face \$500 fine

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities announces that effective July 4, 2011; the City will be enforcing the rules of its containerized yard waste program. Customers who fail to properly use their container for yard waste are subject to fines of up to \$500 per violation.

The City of Sacramento provides containerized yard waste collection service to more than 100,000 customers. These customers are required to place their yard waste in the container for weekly collection, and receive a 23% discount on their yard waste collection bill because containerized collection is more efficient than loose-on-the-street collection. The containerized yard waste program does allow customers to place extra yard waste loose-in-the-street during 8 pre-scheduled weeks per year. A calendar of loose-in-the-street collection weeks is posted at www.cityofsacramento.org/yardwaste.

“Proposition 218 requires the City to enforce the program rules” said Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste General Manager. “Our rates only allow for the collection of loose-in-the-street yard waste from containerized customers on these 8 pre-scheduled weeks per year.”

The City has been notifying violators of the program rules with a door tag and letter to the property owner. In addition, all containerized customers will be mailed a letter and calendar with the scheduled loose-in-the-street collection weeks.

Starting July 5, 2011, violators and property owners will be notified with a written notice of violation and asked to remove the pile from the street. Subsequent violations will be issued fines of up to \$500 per violation.

The containerized yard waste program is a voluntary program. Customers who wish to return to loose-in-the-street collection for yard waste must turn in their container and will lose their discounted rate. To schedule a yard waste container return, please call 3-1-1 or (916) 264-5011. More information on the yard waste program can be found at www.cityofsacramento.org/yardwaste.

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