



News Release

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Sacramento is First City in California to put Hydraulic Hybrid Collection Truck in Service – On Display at City Hall Tomorrow

On Thursday April 18, 2013, the City of Sacramento is celebrating Earth Day and the Recycling & Solid Waste Division will be featuring two items at the event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall.

Hybrid Garbage Truck

Sacramento is the first City in California to put a hydraulic-diesel garbage truck into service. The hybrid trucks are propelled by a special hydraulic system that recharges as the trucks are idling when they tip collection bins. Both propulsion and deceleration are part of the hydraulic system used as the trucks move from house to house through residential streets. The diesel part of the system is tapped for longer drives on main roadways. The trucks have fewer emissions, consume 30 to 40 percent less fuel, are quieter, and need less brake maintenance. Currently brakes on collection trucks last for three or four months, but with this hybrid system, brakes last for a year or more.

“We are excited to be adding these trucks to our fleet as part of our ongoing efforts to improve our services and do so in a sustainable way” states Steve Harriman, Integrated Waste Manager for the City.

Find Your A or B Recycle Week

Starting July 1, 2013, all residential customers will be on either an A week or B week schedule for every other week recycling collection. The recycling schedule, including a calendar, is now available at www.sacrecycle.org or customers can call 311. Staff at the Recycling and Solid Waste Booth will be able to identify the A or B week recycle schedule for customers, provide calendars and answer questions about the new service schedule.

