

# An Environmental Affair

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**May is Clean Air, Bike to Work, and Watershed Awareness Month!**

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The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department was established in 1990 to advise the city on environmental issues and provide a centralized source of environmental information. The Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, workers and visitors in the City of Los Angeles.

## **Environmental Affairs Department Honors Stewards of the Urban Environment**

Each year the City of Los Angeles celebrates Earth Day by recognizing outstanding individuals and organizations working tirelessly to improve the Los Angeles urban environment. On Wednesday, April 20th, honorees were thanked for their work and dedication at a ceremony in City Council chambers.

This year's honorees came from all walks of life and from diverse backgrounds, including: Audubon California • Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force • Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles General Services • George Brauckman • Brentwood Green • Dwight Burgess • Lucille Ceccarini • Citizens' Committee to Save Elysian Park • Crenshaw Christian Center Community Task Force • Terry Davis • Del Rey Cleaners • Mike Dobry • Ron Emler • Larry Frazier • Gary Gertzweig • Bob Green • Betty Green • Brent Green • Heal The Bay • Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council • Emily Johnson • Koreantown Youth and Community Center • Los Angeles Conservation Corps • Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center • Lucy Mally • North East Trees • Pacoima Beautiful • Mary L. Padilla • Rourk Reagan • Marilyn Robinson • San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners United • Helene Schpak • South Los Angeles Beautification Team • Sunset Boulevard Laundry & Cleaners • Sunny Brite Natural Cleaners • Sun Valley Rotary Club • United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council • Erwin and Lula Washington • Dr. Nabil Yacoub from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.



Nominees pose for a group picture after being honored for their environmental stewardship.

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## **World Asthma Day— May 3, 2005**

World Asthma Day is an international remembrance day held yearly in early May. Asthma foundations, health, and environmental agencies all over the world use the day to raise awareness of this condition, available treatments for asthma sufferers, and the importance of working toward good air quality.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken the lead in outreach for World Asthma Day. EPA's goal is to reduce exposure to indoor asthma triggers and improve the quality of life for 2.5 million people by 2005. Their asthma website, [www.epa.gov/asthma/programs.html](http://www.epa.gov/asthma/programs.html), provides information about environmental factors -- found indoors and outdoors -- that trigger asthma.

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## Scientists Who Developed the Catalytic Converter Are Awarded the Nation's Highest Technology Award

President Bush awarded Rodney Bagley, Irwin Lachman, and Ronald Lewis each a National Medal of Technology during a ceremony Monday, March 14, 2005 at the White House.

Their creation -- a ceramic honeycomb that oxidizes auto emissions -- has kept an estimated 3 billion tons of toxic pollutants out of the atmosphere over the last 30 years. The soda can-sized catalytic converter developed at Corning Inc. in 1972 and 1973 made air pollution control practical for the first time.



Its paper-thin walls were coated with precious-metal catalysts that turned noxious gases from automotive exhaust systems into water vapor, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide. First fitted in 1975-model cars, the honeycombs are now used in 95 percent of the world's autos with catalytic converters. By 2007, all new diesel vehicles on U.S. highways will need to be equipped with the smog-busting devices.

Lachman and Lewis came up with the "miracle material" -- a mixture of clay, talc and alumina (an oxide of aluminum) -- capable of withstanding immense heat and cooling rapidly without cracking. Bagley devised the manufacturing process to create thousands of the cells, enabling the ceramic honeycomb to be mass-produced. The cellular channels through the honeycomb structure allowed for a large surface area, which was coated with a catalyst that reacted with pollutants. Because the ceramic honeycomb was sensitive, only lead-free gasoline could be used.

Since the invention of this ceramic honeycomb, scientists and engineers have developed even thinner walls, and lighter, higher surface area substrates that provide even greater emissions control benefits.

The award was given to the three scientists thirty years after their landmark accomplishment. Since its initial creation and implementation, more than 500 million vehicles have been equipped with catalytic converters containing the ceramic honeycombs.

## Los Angeles River Appreciation Day Kicks Off National River Cleanup Week, May 14-22

Friday, May 13th is this year's 2nd Annual Los Angeles River Appreciation Day. First proclaimed last year in May, Los Angeles River Appreciation Day raises public awareness and community involvement in the revitalization efforts of the River. Residents, civic and community leaders, business, and elected officials will come together to celebrate the River as a vibrant and linked water resource for environmental, recreational, community, and economic benefits. This year's Appreciation Day will honor community and city leaders who have worked diligently in this revitalization effort.

During the month of May, Los Angeles Libraries located along the Los Angeles River will highlight books that educate adults and children about the river, and distribute the new L.A. River poster (see April 2005 issue of *An Environmental Affair*, pg. 3). Interested in helping your river? The Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) have their annual La Gran Limpieza ('Great Cleanup') of the L.A. River in early May. Information on La Gran Limpieza and on FoLAR can be obtained by visiting [www.folar.org](http://www.folar.org), or by calling FoLAR at (323) 223-0585.

## Have Bike, Will Travel— 11th Annual California Bike Commute Week May 16-20, 2005



It's the biggest bicycle commute and alternative transportation awareness week in California and in the United States – 'Bike to Work Week 2005.' For the eleventh straight year, a record number of cyclists are expected to give bicycle commuting a try.

Los Angeles County holds its event, 'Bike to Work Day,' on Thursday, May 19th. This year's 'Bike to Work Day' is sponsored by Metro, the California Bicycle Coalition, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Good Samaritan Hospital, and many more. Information on Bike to Work Day is available on the LADOT's Bicycle Services website, [www.bicyclesla.org](http://www.bicyclesla.org).

In a Bike to Work Day survey, nearly 40% of those who participated in the event were first time bike commuters. Thirty-two percent have continued biking to work since participating in their last event.

To recognize first time and current bicycle commuters connecting to Metro Bus or Metro Rail, bike commuters may board with their bicycle safety helmet and/or bike on Thursday, May 19th, and ride for free. Restrictions apply on some Metro Rail lines for bike commuters. Check with Metro at [www.metro.net/biketowork](http://www.metro.net/biketowork), or call (213)922-2811 for details.



Appreciate the Los Angeles River while you ride in the 5th Annual Los Angeles River Ride, Sunday, May 15th.

California Bike Commute 2005 is a project of the California Bicycle Coalition, a nonprofit organization that advocates increased bicycle use, access, safety, and education, by promoting the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation.

In addition to 'Bike to Work Day,' the 5th Annual Los Angeles River Ride will take place on Sunday, May 15th. The Los Angeles River Ride raises public awareness of the Los Angeles River, and the Bike Coalition's efforts to make all of L.A. County a safe and enjoyable place to bicycle. You can find more information on the River Ride at the Los Angeles Bike Coalition's website at [www.labikecoalition.org](http://www.labikecoalition.org). Good Samaritan Hospital will host its 2nd Annual 'Blessing of the Bikes' on May 19th, from 8 am to 9 am. Light refreshments will be available for bike commuters. Good Samaritan is located at 1225 Wilshire Boulevard, between 6th and Wilshire. For more information, contact Good Samaritan Hospital at (213) 977-2121, or visit [www.goodsam.org](http://www.goodsam.org).

If you don't own a reliable bicycle, consider making improvements on your bike to make it somewhat new. The Los Angeles Bicycle Kitchen is a bicycle cooperative, offering space and technical help for people wanting to pedal, and needing work done on their bikes. Call (323) NO CARRO, or visit their website at [www.bicyclekitchen.com](http://www.bicyclekitchen.com).



Have your bike blessed Thursday, Bike-to-Work Day morning (May 19th) between 8 am and 9 am, at the Good Samaritan Hospital driveway.

### Special Events Recycling

The City of Los Angeles' Special Events Recycling Program may be able to provide FREE recycling services at your next *large* Special Event. The events your group organizes, such as walks, marathons, and festivals generate tons of waste that could otherwise be recycled.

Let the City help you do it! The Special Events Crew will gladly handle all recyclable glass, aluminum, plastic, steel, and cardboard. For more information, and to see if your event qualifies for assistance, please contact the Special Events Coordinator, Noel Cabrera, at (213) 473-5508.



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**CAPCO Science Class Challenge** Participants in the CAPCO Science Class Challenge can win \$500 to \$5,000 for their schools. The competition is meant to encourage students and teachers to learn about the Earth's protective upper ozone layer, CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons contained in some aerosol cans), and the environment by using provided activities or their own creative methods. Eligible applicants are students and teachers in grades 4th through 9th. For more information, visit [www.nocfcs.org/scc/scchome.htm](http://www.nocfcs.org/scc/scchome.htm). The application deadline is **Friday, May 13, 2005**.

**The James Irvine Foundation** offers grants for engaging the California public in critical decision-making and governance. Specifically the foundation seeks to educate and motivate voters while promoting dialogue between underrepresented communities and public officials. Nonprofit organizations are invited to apply throughout the year. For more information visit [www.irvine.org](http://www.irvine.org).

**The Horace Mann Companies** is offering \$30,000 in scholarships for public and private school educators to take college courses. Maximum award is from \$500 to \$5,000. To be eligible, educators must be employed by a U.S. public or private school district or U.S. public or private college/university at the time of application and at the time the scholarship is awarded, and must have at least two years teaching experience. To apply, visit <http://www.horacemann.com/edscholarship/>. The deadline is **Saturday, May 14**.

**Watershed Cleanup Grants.** The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced its third annual call for nominations for the 'Targeted Watershed Grants Program', formerly called the Watershed Initiative. This program is to provide funds for the support of community-based watershed partnerships that qualify for on the ground projects which achieve measurable clean water goals. Nominations must be submitted to US EPA by a governor or tribal leader. This is a very competitive program with additional requirements. For more information on this and other available grants for watershed restoration, please visit the State Water Board website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/> under 'Loans and Grants' and 'Water News'.

**Liberty Hill Environmental Justice Fund.** This fund makes grants to grassroots organizations, which are working to decrease exposure to toxic substances in neighborhoods and workplaces, particularly in low-income areas and communities of color. Groups engaged in community organizing, applied research, policy advocacy, litigation, or popular education are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$7,000 to \$70,000. Applications are accepted from August to November. For more information visit [www.libertyhill.org/ejf/](http://www.libertyhill.org/ejf/).

**Marine Mammal and Marine Ecosystem Conservation** The U.S. Marine Mammal Commission is seeking pre-proposals for research and related activities that will further the conservation and management goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The intent is to support focused efforts that will supplement rather than supplant the research efforts of other agencies and organizations. The Commission will consider proposals that address diverse issues relevant to marine mammals and associated marine ecosystem research and conservation. The Commission will give priority to projects that address the following general subject areas: detection, investigation, and/or mitigation of important conservation issues for marine mammals; research essential for recovery of endangered, threatened, or depleted species; the ecology of killer whales in the North Pacific Ocean and, in particular, the potential impact of killer whale predation on marine mammal species or stocks; the ecology of Arctic marine mammals, particularly the response of marine mammals to changing climate conditions, including the collection of baseline data on important components of Arctic marine ecosystems; and the role of disease, harmful algal blooms, and/or contaminants in the population dynamics of marine mammals. Deadline for pre-proposal submission is **May 20, 2005 at 5 pm E.D.T.** Inquiries should be directed to Michael A. Simpkins, Ph.D., Assistant Scientific Program Director at 4340 East-West Highway, Room 905, Bethesda, MD 20814; by phone (301) 504-0087; or email ([msimpkins@mmc.gov](mailto:msimpkins@mmc.gov), please also copy email inquiries to [acampbell@mmc.gov](mailto:acampbell@mmc.gov)). For more information on this grant, visit the Marine Mammal Commission's webpage at [www.mmc.gov/research/](http://www.mmc.gov/research/).



## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EACH MONTH:**

EAD recommends contacting event sponsor prior to event)

**All Month Long****Bolsa Chica Wetlands Tour**

The Bolsa Chica Wetlands Foundation also offers free public tours for individuals the first Saturday of the month year-round. Visitors who arrive between 9 and 10:30 am will be lead on a 1 1/2 hour tour which makes 5 stops along the walk-bridge and loop trail. Trained tour guides discuss bird identification, ecology, endangered species, early history and current status. Displays, literature, and merchandise are available in the parking lot. No reservations are required for the public tour. Warm clothing and binoculars are recommended. For more information, contact the Amigos de Bolsa Chica at (714) 840-1575, or visit their website at [www.amigosdebolsachica.org](http://www.amigosdebolsachica.org).

**Japanese Garden Tours** at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys. Docent-led tours are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday. Reservations are required, for more information or to make reservations please call (818) 756-8166.

**Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours** are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 am. For more information, contact

Nancy Carr at (310) 648-5363. Hyperion is located near El Segundo and LAX in Los Angeles.

**Baldwin Hills Hikes** are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Sponsored by the LA Audubon Society, for more information visit [www.LAAudubon.org](http://www.LAAudubon.org) or call (323) 876-0202.

**Sundays at the River!** Join Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) on the third Sunday each month through November. "Down by the River" walks are non-strenuous and open to all ages. Tours are free to FoLAR members with a suggested contribution of \$5 for non-members. Rain cancels. For more information call FoLAR at (323) 223-0585, or visit [www.folar.org](http://www.folar.org).

**Celebrate Asian American Heritage Month**, a citywide commemoration of Asian American heritage and history in Los Angeles. The celebration includes areas of education, religion, the arts, culture and humanities. Events include Family Fun Fest in Little Tokyo May 7 and May 8, the Asian-Pacific Islander festival at Angelus Plaza on May 20, and the Thai Heritage Festival in ThaiTown on May 22. Many other events throughout the month. For more information visit [www.apahm.org](http://www.apahm.org). Co-sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department.

**Spring Roses Continue** at Exposition Park Rose Garden. Hundreds of roses are in bloom during the springtime at Exposi-

The EAD website, located at [www.lacity.org/EAD](http://www.lacity.org/EAD), contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

**tion Park.**

The garden is open everyday and the California Science Center, Los Angeles Natural History Museum, California African American Museum, and the Coliseum are all nearby. For more information contact the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks at [www.laparks.org/exporosegarden](http://www.laparks.org/exporosegarden) or call (213) 763-0114.

**IMAX Theater Presents Forces of Nature**

From volcanic eruptions on the island of Montserrat and trembling fault lines in Turkey, to storms ripping through the notorious "Tornado Alley" of America's Midwest, National Geographic captures atmospheric and geological events, then takes audiences behind the disasters with scientists willing to risk their own lives to understand these forces and increase our odds of surviving these events. The IMAX Theater is located at 700 State Drive in Los Angeles. More information can be obtained by calling the Theater at

## EACH MONTH: (continued)

(213) 744-7400, or by visiting the website at [www.californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php).

**Shark Sundays at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium** Every Sunday at 3:30 pm. Listen to an informative presentation about these often misunderstood animals while the horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Everyone is invited to make a shark craft, or watch a short film on sharks in our classroom following the feeding. For more information contact the aquarium at (310) 393-6149.



**Charles R. Knight Bringing Fossils to Life** Exhibition at the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits During the first half of the 20th century, Charles R. Knight's paintings and drawings forever changed the way that we conceive of prehistoric life. He showed that saber-toothed cats like those from the La Brea Tar Pits, dinosaurs, and other extinct beasts were more than static fossil bones and single handedly created the "modern" view of fleshed out dynamic animals interacting in naturalistic environments. Free with museum admission. For more information call the Museum at (213) 763-DINO. This look at art and fossils ends May 30, 2005.

## THIS MONTH:

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**Thurs, May 12**

### Sixth Annual Ballona Wetlands Symposium: Restoring an Urban Coastal Wetland

The Ballona Wetlands Foundation presents its Sixth Annual Symposium that will present leading restoration planners from the California Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game, who will discuss the restoration planning process. Presentations also will be given on the birds of the saltmarsh, freshwater marsh and Dunes restoration, and more. Symposium fees range from \$25 to \$85. Optional docent-led tours of the saltmarsh or the freshwater marsh begin at 7 am. The Symposium begins at 8 am and ends at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Wetlands Foundation at (310) 342-0100, or visit their website at [www.ballona-wetlands.org](http://www.ballona-wetlands.org). The Symposium will be held at Loyola Marymount University, at One LMU Drive in Los Angeles.

**Sat, May 14**

### Jared Diamond at the Aquarium of the Pacific

Join renowned author Jared Diamond as he discusses his new book *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. Diamond will probe into the question: What caused some of the great civilizations of the past to collapse into ruin, and what can we learn from their fates? Examining various societies, Diamond traces the fundamental pattern of catastrophe. Environmental damage, climate change, rapid



population growth, and unwise political choices were all factors in the demise of these societies, but other societies found solutions and persisted. *Collapse* raises the urgent question: How can our world best avoid committing ecological suicide? Free. The lecture takes place from noon to 1:30 pm at the Aquarium of the Pacific, located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. For more information, call the Aquarium at (562) 590-3100 to make reservations.

**Sat and Sun, May 14-15**

### Jet Propulsion Laboratory's (JPL) Open House

This popular event will celebrate JPL's accomplishments with exhibits and demonstrations about the Laboratory's ongoing research and space exploration. Many of the Lab's scientists and engineers will be on hand to answer questions about how spacecraft are sent to other planets, how scientists utilize space technologies to explore Earth and how researchers are now searching for planets beyond the solar system. Visitors will see exhibits, displays, demonstrations and presentations about new technologies, solar system exploration, spacecraft communication and much more. Free. JPL is located at 4800 Oak Grove Drive in Pasadena, off the 210 (Foothill) Freeway at the Berkshire Avenue/Oak Grove Drive exit. Parking is available near the Oak Grove main gate and on the eastern boundary of JPL, accessible from Windsor Avenue via the Arroyo Boulevard exit off the 210 Freeway. For more information, please call (818) 354-0112, or visit [www.jpl.nasa.gov](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov).



## THIS MONTH: (continued)

**21st Annual Country Garden Fair** will feature garden clubs, plant societies, and more, as well as advice for anyone who has or is interested in starting a garden. Sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Free. The event takes place from 9 am to 5 pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at 16633 Magnolia Boulevard in Encino. For more information, call Rec and Parks at (888) LA PARKS.

**World Trade Week Harbor Tour** The Port of Los Angeles hosts free one-hour harbor



tours from Ports O' Call in San Pedro. Enter off 6th Street and

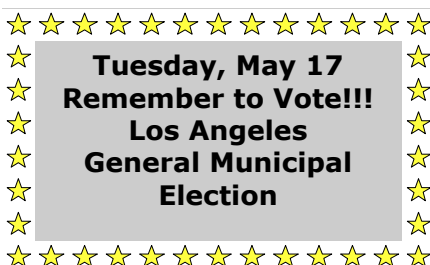
Harbor Boulevard, or at Banning's Landing at the foot of Avalon Boulevard in Wilmington. Reservations are not required. Sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles. For more information, call (800) 831-PORT or visit [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org).

### Sun, May 15

**The Los Angeles River Ride**  
See page 3 for details!

### Thurs, May 19

**Bike to Work Day!** See page 3 for details.



### Sat, May 21

**Salt Marsh Open House at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium** Visit the salt marsh to see birds, the native garden in bloom, and more. Binoculars, specimens, staff and volunteers will be available from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Free. For more information, contact the Aquarium's Education Department at (310) 548-7562 ext. 217. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is located at 3270 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro.

### Sat and Sun, May 21-22

**South Valley Butterfly Festival** at the Reseda Park Recreational Center. A Multicultural event including a car show, chili cook off, a Mariachi concert, carnival rides, games, and artisan vendors. Brought to you by the Reseda Neighborhood Council. Free. For more information, visit [www.resedacouncil.org](http://www.resedacouncil.org).



## NEXT MONTH:

(check with event sponsors)

### Sat, Jun 4

**15th Annual Kids' Nature Festival**

A day to play and learn about nature for toddlers to 8-year olds! More than 30 hands-on activity booths with arts and crafts, storytelling, live music and the Children's Nature Institute Wonder Mobile. The festival takes place from 10 am to 4 pm at Temescal Gateway Park, located at 15601 Sunset Boulevard in Pacific Palisades.



Fee. Sponsored by the Children's Nature Institute. For tickets and general information, contact CNI at (310) 998-1151, or visit their website at [www.ChildrensNatureInstitute.org](http://www.ChildrensNatureInstitute.org).

**Vision and Vibes Festival** in South Los Angeles. This art and music festival includes live bands, art vendors, food, live theatre, a skateboarding park and more. Sponsored by the Watts Community Action Committee and the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. For more information visit [www.wlccac.org/visionandvibes](http://www.wlccac.org/visionandvibes) or call (323) 357-3534.

### Tues, Jun 7

**Lecture: Pollution in the Arctic and its Effects on Wildlife**



Join *Los Angeles Times* environmental writer and author Marla Cone at the Aquarium of the Pacific as she

discusses her just-released book on pollution in the Arctic and its effects on wildlife. Pristine, natural, and harsh wilderness is what comes to mind when many envision the Arctic. In reality, this region's people and animal predators are reportedly among the most contaminated in the world. Various recent studies have shown Arctic animals, including polar bears, seals, orcas, whales, and a variety of other wildlife, with high levels of man-made chemicals. These chemicals come from other regions in the world, traveling to the Arctic via winds and ocean currents. Tickets are \$7 and include Aquarium admission. To register, call (562) 951-5352. The Aquarium is located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach.



### **HOTLINE CONNECTION**

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 978-0888**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**. You can also visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/ead> and click on *Environmental Information Center*.

#### **Air Quality**

*Calidad del aire*  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
(800) 288-7664

#### **Asbestos**

*Asbestos*  
Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5440

#### **Bulky Item Pick-up**

*Recogida de articulos grandes*  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Hazardous and E-Waste Disposal**

*Desembolso de materiales peligrosos*  
L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
(888) 253-2652  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 988-6942

#### **Housing and Building Complaints**

*Quejas de construccion y albergar*  
Housing Code Enforcement  
(213) 808-8888

#### **Illegal Storm Drain Dumping**

*Depositos en los drenajes de desagües*  
Stormwater Management  
(800) 974-9794

#### **Indoor Air or Mold Concerns**

*Aire interior ó preocupaciones de moho*  
Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5440

#### **Lead Poisoning**

*Veneno del plomo*  
National Lead Information Center  
(800) 424-5323

#### **Leaf Blowers**

*Sopladoras de hojas*  
Leaf Blower Complaint Line  
(800) 996-2489

#### **Mosquitoes**

*Infestaciones de mosquitos*  
L.A. West Mosquito Abatement  
(310) 915-7370

#### **Recycling**

*Reciclaje*  
City of L.A. Public Works Dept.  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Smoking Violations**

*Infracciones de fumar*  
Office of the City Attorney  
(888) 333-0730

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