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City of Palmdale Wins CalRecycle Program Innovation Award

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale won the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Program Innovation – Large Jurisdiction Annual Award for its use of the new, innovative MyWaste smartphone/tablet app.

The award was presented in April at the Statewide Used Oil and Household Hazardous Waste Conference hosted by CalRecycle. Palmdale's MyWaste app was recognized for its usefulness in allowing residents to report issues to the City; guiding efforts to properly recycle/dispose of items; providing a means to track illegal dumping, and offering a calendar function to help keep track of various services provided.

"The MyWaste app has been a very helpful resource for our residents and we're proud that it has received this kind of recognition by CalRecycle," said Administrative Analyst Ben Lucha.

Created in partnership with Waste Management, the app also enables residents to receive alerts of trash/recycling collection days, notifications for street sweeping, and a forum for general questions regarding street sweeping and trash/recycling services, along with allowing the reporting of certain issues directly to the City staff who will handle it.

“Using the GPS function on their phone, residents can report graffiti, downed trees, broken sprinklers, flooding or other issues to the staff person who is responsible for handling it and pinpoint the exact location,” Lucha said.

“These new features are compatible with iPhones and Droids,” Lucha explained. “If you already have the app, all you need to do is open it and download the new content,” added Lucha. “If you don’t have the app, just visit <http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Businesses/Public-Works/Environmental> with your smartphone, select the appropriate icon and download the app free of charge.”

The “my-waste™” app is also available free via the App Store on iPhone and is available on Google Play for Droid.

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