

Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off Program

Each holiday season, the City of La Puente provides a free Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-off Program where residents can take their holiday trees to La Puente Park at 501 N. Glendora Avenue for recycling. This year's drop off program will begin on **December 26, 2009 to January 9, 2010.**

To recycle Christmas trees, make sure your tree is free of all decorations. This means removing all lights, tinsel, garland, plastic wrap, tree stands,



wire, rope, nails, and all other foreign materials from trees before recycling them.

Recycling your tree saves valuable landfill space! Trees

are grounded into mulch, compost, or alternative daily landfill cover which reduces soil erosion and deters weed growth.

While the event is free of charge, individuals dropping off their holiday trees must be a City of La Puente resident to participate.

For further information, please call La Puente City Hall at (626) 855-1563 or call Valley Vista Services at (800) 442-6454.

Join the Brag About Your Bag® Campaign and Help Prevent Litter

Each year, approximately 6 billion plastic bags are consumed in Los Angeles County, the equivalent of 600 bags per person per year, with less than 5 percent being recycled. Plastic bags make up as much as 25 percent of the litter stream, and local governments must spend tens of millions of dollars each year on prevention, cleanup, and enforcement activities to reduce litter.

To encourage residents to reduce plastic bag use, the County

is participating in many local promotional events including giveaways of the popular "Brag About Your Bag"® reusable bags. The first countywide reusable bag campaign will begin on "America Recycles Day," November 15 and conclude on "A Day without A Bag," December 17, 2009. The County of Los Angeles has teamed up with Albertsons, HOWS, Ralphs, Top Valu, and Valu Plus supermarkets to host countywide reusable bag giveaway events and distribute over 50,000 reusable bags. Simply visit any participating supermarket, bring in 5 single-use plastic bags for recycling and



exchange them for a **free** stylish "Brag about your Bag"® reusable shopping bag.

Such efforts will be incorporated into the Countywide campaign to increase recycling of plastic bags, promote reusable bags, and significantly reduce plastic bag litter. To learn more about this Program, visit the Los Angeles County's Environmental Resources website at www.bragaboutyourbag.com.

Relay For Life

The City of La Puente is preparing for the 2010 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a 24 hour event that celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those lost to the disease, and raises money for the many services the American Cancer Society provides to the community. The 2009 event raised approximately \$35,000.00. Teams are now forming for the 2010 Relay scheduled for Saturday, April 24-Sunday, April 25, 2010 at La Puente High School. For more information, to register as a survivor, or to donate to the City's team, *Striding Towards A Cure*, please visit <http://main.acevents.org/goto/cityoflapuente>. To form a team, visit www.relayforlife.org/lapuente or contact Jeff Lewis, Event Chair at (626) 993-5942 or Maria Galvan, Event Co-Chair at (626) 855-1572.

City of La Puente
Recreation Services Department

Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

La Puente Senior Center

16001 E. Main Street

La Puente, Ca 91744

Gift Season is back! The perfect place for the perfect gift and all your holiday needs.

Free Admission!

- homemade holiday ornaments
- holiday crafts
- knitted items
- jewelry and more

For more information, please call (626) 855-1585.