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LAUSD & City of Los Angeles Joint Recycling Program

LAUSD and the City of Los Angeles are working together to implement a District-wide recycling program. The recycling program will accept the same types of materials accepted by the City's residential curbside recycling program, making recycling consistent at home and school. This program will be implemented first in Local District 2, and will subsequently be made available at schools throughout the City of Los Angeles. For more information, please contact Doug Santos at (213) 241-3899, Michael Crossley at (213) 485-3719 or Mark Shin at (213) 485-3903.



The following will be provided to schools free of charge:

- Outreach and education to students and staff.
- Large (90 gallon) recycling containers for the school site.
- Small (6 gallon) recycling containers for each class room/office.

Recycle these materials: Homework paper; Notebook paper; computer paper; construction paper; colored paper; copier paper; phone books; sticky notes; ads, flyers and junk mail; envelopes; newspaper; cereal boxes; plastic containers; glass bottles; cardboard; magazines; paper bags; aluminum, metal, steel and tin cans.

Learn How to Assist Your Community in an Emergency

The City of Los Angeles offers training to willing members of the community to become a part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The program trains members on how to respond to and provide assistance during all types of hazards that may occur in their community. This valuable course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

Citizens will learn to:

- Manage utilities and put out small fires
- Treat the 3 medical killers by opening airways
- Control bleeding and treat for shock

- Provide medical aid
- Search for and rescue victims safely
- Organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective
- Collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts



CERT training is provided free of charge within the City of Los Angeles to anyone 18 or over. CERT training is taught over a 7-week period of time which includes about 17 hours of classroom activ-

ity. The certification also requires a full-day biennial refresher course. Classes are taught mornings, afternoons and evenings throughout the year in locations all over Los Angeles including many LAUSD schools, and are offered in both English and Spanish. Certificated staff can earn a salary point credit for taking the class and completing some homework assignments.

For information on classes for District employees, or information on salary point credit, please contact Bob Spears in the Office of Emergency Services at 213-241-3199 or visit www.cert-la.com.

Special Announcements:

You're invited to participate in the "Safety 'n Kids Traffic Summit 2006"!

When: October 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2006

Where: Warner Center Marriot Hotel, Woodland Hills, CA

Register on July 1st! Visit the website at:
www.safetynkids.org

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Reducing Slips, Trips and Falls at Your Work Site

Slips, trips and falls are the second largest cause of accidents both on and off the job. In effect, slips and trips usually result in falls that can cause debilitating injuries to the musculoskeletal system such as bone fractures, and injuries to the head. Temporary, total and partial disabilities can be serious and take a long time to heal. Here are some simple ways to reduce the frequency and severity of these accidents.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Recognize the presence of certain slip and trip hazards in the path ahead. These include such interior hazards as extension cords, chairs, trash cans or outdoor hazards such as potholes, cracks, and uneven surfaces.
- Keep aisles clear and report all hazards on the spot. Always close filing cabinets after use.
- Be aware of hazards that block your vision. For example, if you attempt to carry a large object that interferes with your ability to see where your next step will land, find another way to transport that object such as using a dolly or cart.

- Report areas that are poorly illuminated or where outdoor lighting is obstructed.

- Take extra caution during wet weather to avoid slips and accidental spills by taking shorter strides and wider turns at corners during rain when surfaces are wet.

- Report spills immediately.

- Take extra caution when walking up and down staircases. Always use the handrail for balance and keep an unobstructed view of the step ahead. Instead of carrying a pile of loose materials in front of you, pack and carry it in a briefcase or shoulder bag.

- Be sure to wear appropriate foot protection to address specific hazards such as exposure to heat/cold, slippery surfaces, oil, chemicals, or electric shock. Use appropriate footwear as dictated by the potential hazards you may encounter on the job, or use comfortable, slip-resistant footwear to provide for good traction, and stability.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety provides training and support to all schools and offices to reduce workplace injuries. For example, we have successfully helped the Maintenance & Operations Branch reduce the number of injuries due to slips, trips and falls with the Year Round Crew who perform such activities as stripping floors and waxing them. After testing several safety shoes on these slippery surfaces, OEHS found that the "Grippers-For-Strippers", slip resistant galoshes, were the best for the job. They are easy to clean, and employees enjoy the way the galoshes protect their personal footwear from contact with the stripping solution. M&O was not only able to reduce injuries, but they were able to provide their employees with better equipment to perform their work duties.

If you have any questions regarding Slips, Trips and Falls, please contact your District Safety Officer at 213-241-3199.

OEHS Website New and Improved Features!

We have been making vast improvements to our website lately. If you haven't visited it in a while please do, at www.lausd-oehs.org. We welcome your comments and suggestions. We are especially proud to provide a Questions and Complaints corner where your comments are submitted electronically to our Web

Master who forwards the message to the appropriate staff member for immediate action and response.

New to our website this month is the School Safety Committee Corner, which is intended to provide general topics of interest and information for consideration by the School Safety Committee.

We hope this information is useful in helping your committee to improve safety awareness at your school and provide a learning and working environment that is safe, healthy and productive.

Stay tuned for more interactive tools in the coming months, including on-line self-certification of Corrective Actions.

Upcoming Training:

16-Hr Asbestos Awareness

(1st Day Lecture at OEHS / 2nd Day Mandatory Hands-on Training at Central Shops—ATU)

To sign up, call (213) 745-1148

SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System)

June 20, 2006

August 8, 2006

School Police Headquarters
1330 West Pico Blvd.

Heartsaver Classes

June 15, 2006

OEHS Training Room
333 South Beaudry Ave., 20th Flr

For information or to sign up for SEMS or Heartsaver classes, call (213) 241-3949

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