



Spring Egg Hunt at Point Fermin Park

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Secretary Bruce Horton (upper right) is not quite the Easter Bunny, but he did have goodies for the kids at the annual egg hunt put on by the city's Department of Recreation and Parks. The Coastal San Pedro council helped sponsor the event. Hundreds of area children had fun with arts and crafts and searching for eggs hidden around the park.

—Photos by John Stinson



Free and Low Cost Energy Savings Recommendations

Replace Light Bulbs

- Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and save 75 percent off lighting costs.

Unplug Electronics

- Unplug electronics, battery chargers and other equipment when not in use. Taken together, these small items can use as much power as your refrigerator.

Save Water

- Installing faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads will cut water heating costs by 50 percent and save up to \$300 per year. It will also cut water use by up to 50 percent. As much as 19 percent of California electricity is used to pump, transport and treat water.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- Setting your air conditioner five degrees higher will save up to 20 percent on cooling costs.

Buy Energy Efficient Appliances

- Always buy ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and equipment - they're up to 40 percent more efficient. Find rebates and incentives in your area using our rebate finder.

Adjust Your Water Heater

- Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees or the "Normal" setting when home, and to the lowest setting when away. Water heating accounts for about 13 percent of home energy costs.

Keep Cool With Ceiling Fans

- Reduce air conditioning costs by using fans, keeping windows and doors shut and closing shades during the day. Most ceiling fans use less energy than a light bulb.

Be Smart About Lighting

- Turn off unnecessary lighting and use task or desktop lamps with CFLs instead of overhead lights.

Power Down Your Computer

- Enable "power management" on all computers and make sure to turn them off at night. A laptop computer uses up to 90 percent less energy than bigger desktop models.

Wash Clothes in Cold Water

- When possible, wash clothes in cold water. About 90 percent of the energy used in a clothes washer goes to water heating.

Load Up Your Dishwasher

- Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when fully loaded. Fewer loads reduce energy and water use.

Maintain Your Clothes Dryer

- Make sure your dryer's outside vent is clear and clean the lint filter after every load. When shopping for a new dryer look for one with a moisture sensor that automatically shuts off when clothes are dry.

Find and Seal Leaks

- Sealing cracks, gaps, leaks and adding insulation can save up to 20% on home heating and cooling costs.
- Test for air leaks by holding a lit incense stick next to windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches and other locations where there is a possible air path to the outside. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing or weather stripping.

EVERYONE WINS WHEN YOU USE THE RIGHT BIN!

Each household in the City of Los Angeles receives 3 bins:

- **BLUE** bin - for recyclables
- **GREEN** bin (one per lot) - for yard trimmings
- **BLACK** bin - for non-recyclable material or trash

BLUE BIN

Place these items in your **BLUE** recycling bin:

- Clean Styrofoam® and other polystyrene products: plates, cups, containers and packing material
- Glass bottles & jars
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Tin & metal food cans
- Aerosol & paint cans (must be empty & dry)
- All plastic marked 1 through 7: jugs, bottles, tubs, containers
- All plastic bags & film bags (grocery, dry cleaning, etc.)
- All clean paper (newspaper, envelopes, magazines, phonebooks, fliers, etc.)
- Cardboard & corrugated boxes
- Metal & plastic hangers
- Aluminum foil & trays

Prevent contamination in your **BLUE** and **GREEN** bins. Place all material in their proper bins. Contamination occurs when non-recyclable items are discarded in the **BLUE** bin and anything other than yard trimmings are placed in the **GREEN** bin.



The following items are **not recyclable** and should **not** be placed in your **BLUE** bin: paper or boxes with grease or food residue, treated wood and wood-products, cloth/fabric.

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For more information, please visit our website at www.lacity.org/san/index.htm

GREEN BIN

Place these items in your **GREEN** yard-trimming bin:

- Grass
- Leaves
- Weeds (remove dirt)
- Tree branches
- Fruit & vegetables
- Clean wood (free of nails, paint, & other treatment)



BLACK BIN

Discard all non-recyclable refuse or trash in your **BLACK** bin.

- Papers or boxes with grease or food residue
- Treated wood and wood products
- Cloth/fabric
- Animal waste must be placed in watertight bags and tied before placing in black bin.
- Disposable diapers



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