



The Recycling Review

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Think Blue...it's the Right Thing to do!

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Rainbow Offers Free Material Exchange *Household, Yard and Car-Care Products and More Available for the Taking*

Do you know that you can get **FREE household, yard and car-care products** at Rainbow? Just stop by the **“Stop and Swap,”** a free material exchange program co-located with the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) on Rainbow’s campus at 17121 Nichols St. in Huntington Beach – enter using Gate 6.

Orange County residents can **choose up to five items** from a selection of partially used containers of household, yard and car-care products **to take home FREE**. Not only are you saving money when you visit the “Stop and Swap” but you are helping the environment by using up products that normally would be sent to hazardous waste landfills.

When you visit the “Stop and Swap” be sure to bring in your unwanted household hazardous waste in original



containers to drop it off at the HHW at same time.

The “Stop and Swap” is open the same hours as the HHWCC: Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Both are closed on Sundays and Mondays and rainy days.

For more information about the HHWCC, please visit www.rainbowdisposal.com or www.oilandfills.com.

Carton Recycling is Here!

Exciting news! Rainbow is introducing a new recyclable product to the already long list of recyclables accepted in the *blue recycle cart*. **Start recycling your carton waste.** This type of

packaging is used for food and beverage products alike. Easily recognizable due to the shiny waxy packaging and usually found in your supermarket or in your favorite grocery store. They come in two distinct types, shelf-stable section (soup and broth) and refrigerated sections (milk and orange juice).

REFRIGERATED CARTON TYPE

Milk • Juice • Cream • Egg Substitutes



SHELF-STABLE CARTON TYPE

Juice Boxes • Soy Milk • Soup & Broth



Just Follow These Easy Steps:

There is no need to rinse the carton, or remove the plastic cap. As long as the carton is empty, it is okay to place in the blue recycle cart.

The cartons are mainly made up of 80% paper and 20% polyethylene (shiny coating). The paper from the carton is easily recycled and can be made into new paper products like tissue, or office paper. The waxy shiny coat on the carton is actually polyethylene plastic, and this too is recycled.

We can all be satisfied that by adding carton recycling to the long list of recyclables it will propel us to a truer sustainable pathway towards tomorrow.



Special Disposal for Dangerous Items

Fluorescent Tubes Disposal

Fluorescent light tubes, bulbs and lamps once spent, contain traces of mercury that can become hazardous if not properly handled. When your tube or lamp no longer works they must be recycled by an authorized recycling firm and cannot be discarded in the trash.

There are **two options** to make sure the tubes and lamps are recycled properly, they include:

1. Please take these to the **Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Facility** located at Rainbow, 17121 Nichols Street, Huntington Beach (Gate #6).
2. Please look for take back programs at large big-box outlets such as Home Depot or Lowe's.

Ammunition Disposal

For all spent or live ammunition disposal, **NEVER, under any circumstances, dispose of ammunition in your trash.** This is prohibited and is a serious safety hazard to our workers. Please contact the local authorities, the H.B. Police Department, or, for another option, a local "firing range" will also accept old ammunition. These outlets have proper handling and recycling in place.

The Firing-Line Indoor Shooting Range
17921 Jamestown Lane • Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(714) 841-2100 • *Range Officer:* Peter
They will receive ammunition from the general public.

Friendly Reminders for Proper Waste Management

- Huntington Beach has a city ordinance that requires all trash carts to be put away, out of public view, by 10 p.m. on collection day. Residents who leave carts in view may receive a notice and can be cited for continued non-compliance.
- Do you plan to do any major clean up projects around your home?

- The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center now offers free buckets in which to place your old batteries. You may pick one up at the HHWCC located at Rainbow, 17121 Nichols Street, Huntington Beach – enter using Gate 6.



If so, plan to take advantage of Rainbow's 10/4 Program, or you can Rent-A-Bin. The 10/4 program allows you to place up to ten (10) large items out on the curb four (4) times a year. You must call Rainbow to have a special truck pick up your items.

Rent-A-Bins are also available to meet your needs and allow for time flexibility.

Call Rainbow, (714) 847-3581, to make arrangements and ask about our Summer Special.

**Congratulations,
Huntington Beach School Kids!**



The school children of Huntington Beach recycled 321,600 pounds of trash for the 2010-2011 school year!
You Helped Save Our Resources and Kept Recycled Materials Out of the Landfill!

Dispose of Sharps Waste Properly

Since September 2008 it has been **illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste, including syringes and lancets, in the trash or recycling containers.** The law requires that all sharps waste be transported to a collection center or to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center in a heavy-duty, puncture-resistant container with a tight fitting lid *such as a plastic milk jug.* This year Rainbow employees are reporting finding an increase in sharps waste in our everyday trash. **Please** make sure to follow the law and remember that we have a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at Rainbow, 17121 Nichols Street, Gate 6 in Huntington Beach. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday (except rainy days), from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

