

## THE VICTORVILLE RECYCLE CENTER IS BACK OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The City celebrated the relocation and re-opening of the Recycle Center on Anacapa Road, with a Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, March 29.

“The amnesty proved to be quite a draw,” said Dana Armstrong, Solid Waste Manager. “Victorville residents showed up to drop off a total of 227 tires—in just a few hours.”

Residents from Victorville and surrounding cities also dropped off quite an array of e-waste, including 35 TVs and computer monitors, keyboards, printers and scanners.

As participants dropped off their recycling, they were given the opportunity to enter a drawing to win one of three door prizes, which included an Earth Machine composting bin, a \$25 gift card to Mimi’s Café, and a \$25 gift card to the Olive Garden. Congratulations to Mike Ontiveros, Dennis Padilla and Dawn McGrosso.

“This drop-off center gives residents another convenient alternative to the MRF if they live closer to this part of town,” said Armstrong. “One of our goals is to make recycling as convenient as possible so everyone will participate in the process.”

In addition to tires and e-waste, the center accepts recyclable items such as appliances, scrap metal, glass, cardboard, plastics, newspaper, and even clothes and shoes—for FREE.

Car and light truck tires can only be accepted from Victorville residents, with proof of residency required. It is also important to note that no more than 5 tires per vehicle.

The Recycling Center is located at 15164 Anacapa Road, just one block south of Palmdale, between Amargosa and Borego. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.



Top: City and Burrtec staff were on-hand to unload tires.

Bottom: Dana Armstrong gives Mayor Pro Tem Ryan McEachron a recycle kit that was given away at the event.



## EAGLE RANCH 5TH GRADERS OFFER THEIR WATER CONSERVATION IDEAS

Each year, Victorville Water Conservation staff make the rounds of the local elementary schools giving interactive class presentations to 5th grade students on the need to conserve water—our most precious resource.

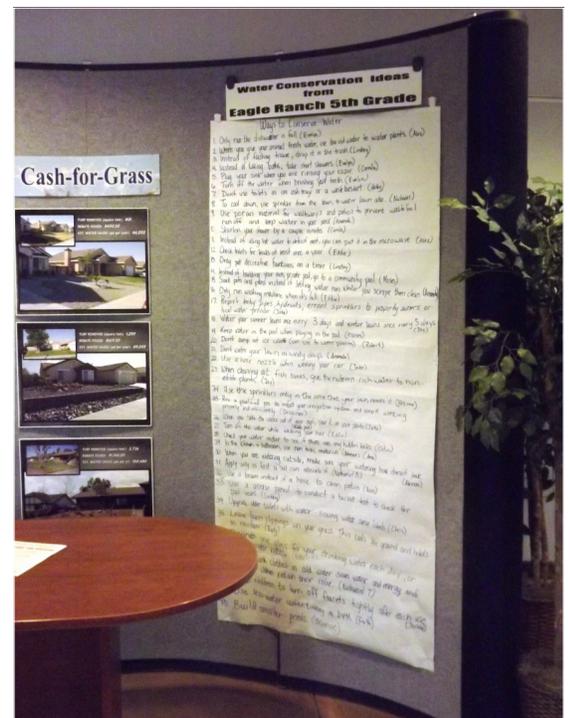
“We offer two presentations—one where they learn the cycle of water by making a water bracelet,” said Donna McCormick, Water Conservation Supervisor. “As they learn about each stage of the water cycle, they string a colored bead representing that stage—white for clouds, blue for rain, etc.”

In the second presentation, students have fun learning about the underground aquifer by making an edible one, with each ingredient representing a different section, such as gummy bears that act as the rocks and soil, clear soda representing water, ice cream standing in for a confining layer, etc.

“After completing both presentations, they receive a badge as we deputize them, encouraging them to be good stewards and teach others what they have learned about saving water and keeping it safe,” said McCormick.

Each class is also asked to offer some of their own ideas about how to conserve water. One 5th grade class at Eagle Ranch Elementary surprised staff by not only coming up with 50 suggestions, but writing them down on this massive scroll and presenting it to them.

“We were really impressed by the thought they put into this,” said Kathy Cochran, Water Conservation Specialist. “We wanted to post it in a prominent place in City Hall so everyone could see their ideas, and hopefully pick up a few pointers.”



50 Ideas on Water Conservation by Eagle Ranch students.



# Next Tire Amnesty Day

## Attention Victorville & Apple Valley Residents!

**Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon**  
**Victor Valley MRF**

17000 Abbey Lane, Victorville  
 (Abbey Lane is off of Stoddard Wells Road)

- **City of Victorville and Town of Apple Valley residents only.** (Proof of residency required.)
- Maximum of 9 tires.
- Car, light truck, and motorcycle tires only. No semi tires, ORV tires, or equipment tires.
- Tires with rims - OK.
- No tires from businesses or dealers.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Bring your California ID Card or Drivers License with your current address. A current paystub or bill may also be used as proof of residence.

Bring no more than nine (9) tires. *(It is a violation of the California Vehicle Code to transport ten or more tires at a time.)*

**For more information, call the City of Victorville Recycling Program at 760-955-8615 or go to [www.VictorvilleRecycles.com](http://www.VictorvilleRecycles.com).**

## VICTORVILLE MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

Saturday, April 5—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 14177 McArt Road, Victorville

Victorville Animal Care and Control is offering \$6.00 microchipping for the first 100 dogs (\$10 thereafter), \$50 spay/neuter vouchers to the first 100 dogs (must be licensed in Victorville), and \$5.00 coupons for rabies shots. CASH ONLY. For more information, call (760) 955-5089.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

California Buckwheat  
*Erigeron fasciculatum*

- Plant: Evergreen shrub
- Water Use: Very low
- Mature Size: 2' tall x 4-5' wide
- Exposure: Full sun
- Bloom Time: April—November
- Native to: Southern California (below 7,000 feet), Arizona, Nevada, Utah
- Hardiness: Cold hardy to 15°F



California Buckwheat is a very drought-tolerant evergreen shrub forming a rounded clump with many stems. White to pink flowers grow in dense clusters on thin stalks above small, dark green leaves. The round, head-like flower clusters become pink with age, and dry to a reddish-brown, often persisting until the next flowering season. A fast-growing plant that needs full sun and well-grained soil. This valuable landscape plant is great for erosion control on slopes, to replant disturbed sites, soften rock gardens, and complement more vertical plants like sages, ephedras, penstemons, and desert marigolds. California Buckwheat fills in garden spaces like baby's breath fills in a bouquet. A favorite source of nectar for butterflies, bees, and other beneficial insects; bees collect the pink pollen to make delicious buckwheat honey.

## EARTH DAY AT THE MRF FREE SHRED FEST

Learn how to “Go Green” by visiting the Victor Valley Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for the *Earth Day at the MRF* celebration.



Bring the kids to tour the MRF and watch the machines processing recyclable materials. Find out where your curbside recyclables go after the truck picks them up. See composting displays and get your recycling questions answered.

Earth Day will also offer a free Shred Fest, free compost and mulch giveaway, and free tire drop-off (see Tire Amnesty Day article).

Clean out your garage and drop off TVs, CRTs, computers, appliances, scrap metal, mixed paper, plastic, clothing, and shoes, all for FREE.

Bring CRV materials and enter the ‘double your CRV contest’ at the Buy Back Center. Also get a free reusable shopping bag.

The Earth Day event will take place on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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## SPRING FESTIVAL and EGG HUNT

HOOK PARK

APRIL 19

9 AM—2 PM



Vendors, bounce houses, raffles, games, and much more. Tickets available before the event for \$3.00 per child, and \$5.00 at the event. For more information, call Hook Community Center 760-245-5551.

## The Green Scene

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 and/or Recycling at 760-955-8615.



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