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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO HELPS SAN DIEGANS SECURELY RECYCLE TAX FILES IN
CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL CLEAN-YOUR-FILES DAY**

City Businesses Produce Two-Thirds of Paper in the Miramar Landfill's Waste Stream

San Diego, CA—The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department and Allan Co. are partnering to help San Diegans recycle outdated tax files at the City's Miramar Recycling Center during Tax File Recycling Week, which runs April 12-24, 2004. Allan Co. will provide secure containers for participants to drop off old files before they are shredded and recycled at an offsite location at the end of the event.

"Twenty-one percent of all the waste in the Miramar Landfill is paper that could have been recycled," said Elmer Heap, director of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department. "Since the City does not accept shredded paper through our curbside recycling program, we believe it is imperative to offer people an alternative to shredding their confidential tax files at home and tossing them in the trash. Tax Week Recycling Week will allow people to do their part to help the environment by recycling while keeping personal information confidential."

The week-long tax file recycling event is free to the public and is held in conjunction with nationally-recognized "Clean Your Files Day," which is designed to encourage people to recycle excess paper waste. Both residential and business tax files will be accepted by Allan Co., which operates the Miramar Recycling Center.

The Miramar Recycling Center is located at 5165 Convoy Street, San Diego, Calif., 92111 and is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about recycling tax files or for general recycling tips and information please call (858) 694-7000.

Sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors, National Clean Your Files Day is a nationwide celebration of recycling that falls on Earth Day, April 22, 2004. Each year, more than 250 cities, business, and organizations participate in Clean Your Files Day. Businesses and organizations that would like to implement a recycling program for the official Clean Your Files Day can register and download a tool kit at www.CleanYourFilesDay.org/.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. For more information on Environmental Services, visit its Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

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