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

City Residents Produce One-Third 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CA—The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department and Allan Co. are partnering to help San Diegans recycle outdated tax files at the City's Miramar Recycling Center during the fourth annual Tax File Recycling Week, which runs April 11-23, 2005. The 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 program.

"Twenty-five 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. "The City now accepts shredded paper through our curbside recycling program and we believe it is imperative to offer people without curbside recycling an alternative to shredding their confidential tax files at home and tossing them in the trash. Our tax file drop off will help people keep their personal information confidential and allow people to do their part to help the environment by recycling."

The two-week long tax file recycling event is free to San Diego City and County residents and is held in conjunction with nationally-recognized Clean Your Files Day, which is designed to encourage people to recycle excess paper waste. Only residential tax files will be accepted by the 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/. For information on the importance of recycling in San Diego, go to www.recycleorelse.com.

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