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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT News Release

CITY OF SAN DIEGO REVEALS COMMUNITY RECYCLING RATES

110 Neighborhoods Singled Out in Newly Released Study

San Diego, CA — The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) compiled data from trash and recyclables collected from San Diego residents and established "community recycling rates" for the first time ever.

Although the overall recycling rate in the City of San Diego is at 68%, the new study showed much need for improvements at the neighborhood level, which currently has a dismal 24% across San Diego.



Recycling Program Manager Ken Prue noted, "When you take commercial, business and construction debris figures out of the disposal equation, we

end up with low numbers in our residential communities. This shows that we clearly need a better recycling effort by our residents."

In 2012, a recycling goal of 75% by the year 2020 was approved at the state level. With increased outreach and education, the City believes the local recycling (diversion) rate can meet and exceed the state goal by 2020.

As part of a new initiative to improve these numbers, ESD will be working with neighborhood media outlets and community groups to raise awareness about the community recycling rates. The plan is to encourage local residents to learn more about recycling and how they can improve their efforts.

As part of the education element, ESD will be providing neighborhoods with data, including graphs about how their recycling rates compare against the Citywide rate and their City Council District.

The following is an example of what those figures might look like:

Your community has a recycling rate of **X%**. That's good, but how can you make your community a recycling leader? There are more recyclable items than you think. Two types often overlooked are hard plastics and milk/juice cartons. And don't forget about your yard waste and placing it in your yard waste containers if you receive City Greenery collection service, or consider purchasing a discounted composting bin through the City's Backyard Compost Bin Voucher Program.

Visit: <u>www.recyclingworks.com</u> to find out more and follow us on Twitter @SanDiegoESD or Facebook at SanDiegoRecyclingWorks.





For general recycling tips or information, visit our Web site at <u>www.RecyclingWorks.com</u> or call Customer Service at 858-694-7000.

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Del Mar Heights





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Carmel Valley





La Jolla Village





Torrey Pines





University City









Bay Park





Lake Murray





Loma Portal





Midway District





Mission Beach





Morena



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CO		

Ocean Beach





Pacific Beach



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CO		

Point Loma Heights





Roseville/Fleet Ridge





Sunset Cliffs



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good		

Wooded Area





Adams North





Burlingame





Core-Columbia



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CC		

Corridor





Cortez





East Village





Gaslamp





Golden Hill





Hillcrest





Little Italy





Midtown





Mission Hills





Normal Heights





North Park




Old Town





Park West





Southcrest





University Heights





Alta Vista





Bay Terraces







How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good C		

Chollas View





Emerald Hills



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CO		

Encanto





Jamacha Lomita



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CC		

Lincoln Park



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good		

Oak Park



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CO		

Paradise Hills



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good Cood		

Redwood Village/Rolando Par







How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good CC		

Skyline



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good C		

Valencia Park



How is your community doing?			
Excellent			
Great			
Good CC			

Black Mountain Ranch



How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good		

Carmel Mountain





Mira Mesa





Rancho Bernardo





Rancho Encantada





Rancho Penasquitos





Sabre Springs





Scripps Ranch





Torrey Highlands





Clairemont Mesa East





Clairemont Mesa West





Kearny Mesa





Miramar Ranch North





North City





North Clairemont





Sorrento Valley





Allied Gardens





Birdland




Del Cerro





Grantville





La Playa





Linda Vista





San Carlos





Serra Mesa





Tierrasanta





Barrio Logan





Egger Highlands





Grant Hill





Logan Heights







How is your community doing?		
Excellent		
Great		
Good		

Ocean Crest





Otay Mesa





Otay Mesa West





Palm City





San Ysidro





Sherman Heights





Stockton





Azalea/Hollywood





Castle





Cherokee Point





Chollas Creek





Colina Del Sol





College East





College West





El Cerrito





Fairmont Park





Fairmont Village





Fox Canyon



How is your community doing?	
Excellent	
Great	
Good	

Islenair





Kensington





Mountain View





Mt. Hope





Rolando





Shelltown





South Park





Swan Canyon





Talmadge





Teralta East





Teralta West



