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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **NEWS RELEASE**

SAN DIEGO CELEBRATES AMERICA RECYCLES DAY, NOVEMBER 15 ***City makes big strides in creating new opportunities for residents to recycle***

As the country prepares to celebrate America Recycles Day on Thursday, November 15, 2012, the City of San Diego is excited about many new and exciting ways that local residents and businesses can recycle.

While State Law now requires apartment and condominium complexes with five or more units to recycle, the City Recycling Ordinance also requires recycling at all single-family homes; all apartments and condominiums serviced by the City; and all privately serviced businesses, commercial/institutional facilities, apartments, and condominiums generating four or more cubic yards of trash per week.

As part of the Ordinance, everyone must recycle plastic and glass bottles and jars, paper, newspaper, metal containers and cardboard. Rigid plastics including food waste containers, jugs, tubs, trays, pots, buckets, and toys must also be placed in the blue bin.

A major change within the past year has been the addition of carton containers, such as those for milk, juice boxes, soup, broth and soy milk cartons. San Diego is part of a national movement of major cities that now offer curbside residential carton recycling.

Numerous businesses and organizations have joined the City's Food Waste Composting Program where their food scraps are delivered to the Greenery at the Miramar Landfill to be turned into nutrient rich compost for use by City residents.

San Diego is also making backyard composting easier for residents by offering discount vouchers for people interested in purchasing their own bins. More information about the different types of bins and composting classes are available on our website.

For more information about our many recycling programs, please call the Environmental Services Department's customer service line at 858-694-7000, or visit our website at www.RecyclingWorks.com .

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