



IRVINE • SPRING 2017 RECYCLING NEWS

Brought to you by Waste Management, Irvine's residential waste service provider.



WASTE NOT OC HELPS COMMUNITY, ELIMINATES FOOD WASTE

On behalf of Irvine and the other Orange County cities it serves, Waste Management is partnering with local nonprofit Waste Not OC to reduce the amount of food sent to landfills while also helping meet nutritional needs in our community.

Waste Not OC connects grocers and restaurants that have surplus food with food recovery agencies. Surplus food is picked up from participating donors and directly delivered to local food banks and other agencies for distribution into the community.



WASTE NOT OC COALITION

Feed the Need



Waste Management is providing program support and outreach to increase participation. Waste Management Market Area Manager, Chip Monaco, believes the program is a win-win for everyone involved, measurably reducing the amount of food waste sent to landfills and providing a great opportunity for restaurants to give back. Monaco encourages everyone to get involved and support the effort so that, "we can help provide wholesome food to community members who need it the most."

Consumers can play a role by encouraging the restaurants and food stores they visit to participate in the Waste Not OC effort. Restaurants and grocers in Irvine, and throughout Orange County, are encouraged to learn more and get involved by calling Waste Not OC directly at 1-888-210-6316.



AN INTERVIEW WITH WASTE NOT OC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE LEARAKOS

Q: How effective is Waste Not OC in reducing food waste in the County?

A: In December 2016 alone, our members recovered 1.2 million pounds of food in Orange County, most of which would have been landfilled.

Q: What has the public response been to the program?

A: As the public has become aware of it, they have enthusiastically embraced it by volunteering as food runners and by asking their favorite restaurants, grocery stores and entertainment venues to participate in the food recovery program.

Q: Are there any program highlights specific to the City of Irvine?

A: With our help,

- UCI has started a student-run food pantry (SOAR).
- The Chao Family Cancer Center now screens patients for food insecurity.
- Major Irvine retail food operators such as Starbucks, Patina Restaurant Group and Albertsons have implemented food recovery programs.
- We began a collaborative pilot project to send recovered bulk foods to be re-packaged and re-purposed for distribution via non-profit South County Outreach.
- With the help of the Irvine Congregational Church and University Synagogue in Irvine, an interfaith council has started reaching out to local food retailers to share the advantages of adopting our food recovery model.

Q: What are plans for the organization in the future?

A: We'll continue to strengthen the food recovery chain in Orange County. This will allow us to feed more people and eliminate even more organic food waste. Meanwhile, the Waste Not OC Model to end hunger is being duplicated throughout the state and around the country.



WASTE MANAGEMENT & GOODWILL OFFER NEW DONATION DROP OFF PROGRAM

Do you have household items in good condition that you'd like to donate? Waste Management has partnered with Goodwill to collect and donate household items, providing a simple solution for residents and helping prevent these materials from being sent to the landfill. Together, they have opened a Goodwill Collection Center at Waste Management's Irvine office location at 16122 Construction Circle East, Irvine. Drop off hours are **Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm.**

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"Participation has been great. We are collecting almost two tons of donated items each month, and residents seem really happy to have such a simple donation solution," explains Hashem Shokair, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management.

Donation receipts are provided. Typical donated items include:

- Appliances
- Furniture
- Clothing
- E-waste
- Televisions
- Computers

No construction or bulk waste is accepted

Residents living in multi-family complexes can also participate in Irvine's new bulky item collection and donation program. If you live in an apartment or condo complex that has bin service, encourage the property manager to sign up for this program by contacting WM's Hashem Shokair at hshokair@WM.com for more information.

FREE USED OIL EXCHANGE

Bring in your used oil filter to be recycled, and get a replacement filter free of charge.

Please drain your oil filter 24 hours in advance. One filter exchanged per person.



**April 29, 2017,
8:00 am-2:00 pm**

O'Reilly Auto Parts
15315 Culver Drive, Ste. 170, Irvine

UPCOMING SHRED EVENT

Waste Management will host its second Shred Event of the year on Saturday, June 10 from 9am-noon. This event will take place at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine.

Residents may bring up to five banker-size file boxes (dimensions 24" wide x 12" high) for free shredding and recycling. Shredding will take place on site. A donation receptacle to drop off gently used clothing will also be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an extremely popular event. Please arrive early, as it is "first come, first served." The event may close early if the shredding truck is filled to capacity.

WM holds
three shredding
events per year
for the Irvine
community.



**Saturday
June 10, 2017**
9:00 am –
12:00 Noon



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