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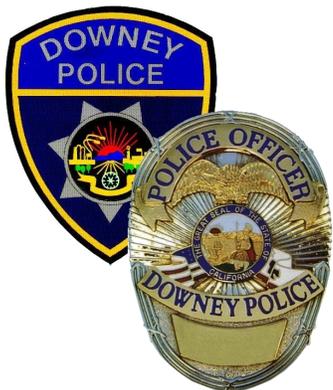
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THEFT OF CURBSIDE RECYCABLES

Throughout Downey and elsewhere, removing recyclables from someone else's container (City/public containers, residential, or commercial) is against the law. Recycling scavengers are looking for items such as aluminum cans, bottles as well as documents containing personal information. This crime has negative impact on public safety, the quality of life and recycling efforts in our Community. The theft of recyclables violates both the Downey Municipal Code and the California Public Resources Code.



Downey Municipal Code Section 5240: "To protect public health, safety and well-being, and to control the spread of vectors, no person, other than a person authorized by the person in charge of the premises or a Solid Waste Collector authorized by the City or the person in charge of the premises, shall remove any Container from a location where a Container has been placed for storage or collection, or remove any solid waste from any Container or move the Container from the location in which it was placed for storage or collection, or apply any paint or markings (commonly know as "graffiti" or "tagging") to any Container without the prior written approval of the owner of the Container."

Tips for Protecting Your Personal Information

- Place your trash bins out as close to the regular collection time as possible.
- Remove any personal information from documents or junk mail.
- Keep trash bins in a safer area on your property and hidden from public view.
- Never confront poachers!
- Report persistent recycling poachers to the Downey Police Department by calling 562-861-0770. Be sure to provide location, a description of the person, direction of travel and the make, model and license plate of the vehicle involved.
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch on your block and communicate with your neighbors and the Police Department.

All issues of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter are available online at
http://www.downeyca.org/gov/police/neighborhood_watch_program/neighborhood_watch_newsletters.asp

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

If you've seen the news recently, you know that emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities just like yours, to people like you. We've seen tornado outbreaks, river floods and flash floods, historic earthquakes, tsunamis, and even water main breaks and power outages in U.S. It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for from emergencies and disasters.

Police, fire and rescue personnel may not always be able to reach you quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take in helping your local responders is being able to take care of yourself and those in your care; the more people who are prepared, the quicker the community will recover.

This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days.

Prepare by following these four steps:

- ✓ **Stay Informed:** Information is available from federal, state, and local resources. Access Ready.gov to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.
- ✓ **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your care. For sample plans, see Ready.gov. Work together with neighbors, colleagues, and others to build community resilience.
- ✓ **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies - water, nonperishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and battery-powered radio on hand.
- ✓ **Get Involved:** There are many ways to get involved especially before a disaster occurs. The entire community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and places of worship safer from risks and threats. Community leaders agree that the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of volunteers, a trained and informed public, and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters. Get involved with our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by calling 562-904-7347.

By taking a few simple actions, you can make your family safer.

For more information, check out:
Ready.gov/be-informed
Ready.gov/make-a-plan
<http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

(Source: FEMA.GOV)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you would like to have a question answered or topic discussed, please e-mail jguzman@downeyca.org

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Neighborhood Watch

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Fire Department

562-904-7345

Code Enforcement

562-904-2392

Graffiti Removal Hotline

562-923-4484

Emergency Preparedness

562-904-7347

Business Watch

562-923-2191

Gangs Out of Downey

562-904-3514

Shopping Carts

800-252-4613

Animal Control

562-803-3301

DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Many thanks to our Community, sponsors, community volunteers, and City staff who made the 1st Annual National Night Out in Downey a success. On August 6, 2013, many community members gathered at the Civic Center Area near City Hall to visit informational booths and enjoy barbequed hot dogs and popcorn at this years event. The food and beverages were provided by Wal-Mart and the Coca-Cola Company.



National Night Out is a community event, celebrated across the U.S. on the first Tuesday in August every year. It is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate participation in local crime prevention programs, improve neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The event offered a great opportunity to get to know community representatives. The community was invited to tour City Hall and take part in a Healthy Downey Walk Against Crime. Children especially enjoyed the Bicycle Skills Workshop hosted by the Downey Bicycle Coalition & Downey Police Department's Bicycle Team. The Downey Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program sponsored helmet giveaways and additional activities. Many parents took advantage of the opportunity to have their children fingerprinted by New York Life staff. There was a gardening workshop, sponsored by Home Depot and Bonnie's Plants, where individuals took home free plants. Thanks to all for a successful National Night Out in Downey!

