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REGISTRATION PAVES WAY FOR CITY'S NEW FREE MULTI FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES (March 21, 2007) – The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is registering multifamily residential buildings for a free recycling program that will begin early this summer, Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz announced.

“Our Bureau of Sanitation’s Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division (SRCRD) is implementing this new program,” said the Board President. “Multifamily residential buildings of five units or more, that’s apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, and mobile home parks, are eligible.”

To register, tenants, managers or owners should call 1-866-933-1101 or send an email message to: SRCRD@san.lacity.org, and include a name and phone number, address of request, the service area of the city (i.e. Valley Village, Baldwin Village) the zip code, the type of building (i.e. apartment, condominium, mixed use, mobile home) and the number of units.

“Tenants should provide a contact name and phone number for the building owner or property manager,” said Ruiz. “Condominium owners should provide a contact name and number for their homeowners association.”

Program participants will receive free weekly recycling services, blue bins for storage of recyclables, and educational information about materials accepted in the blue bins. The Bureau of Sanitation also offers a Question and Answer Fact Sheet about the Multifamily Residential Program, a Multifamily Recycling Guide, the Put it to Good Re-Use LA booklet, as well as other recycling service publications available online for multifamily residential building tenants and owners.

“Our Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division develops and implements effective and cost-effective source reduction, recycling, and re-use programs and policies,” notes Ruiz. “The Division also provides technical assistance to City Departments, private sector businesses, multi-family complexes, and the community.”

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For General Information about Single-Family Homes, Curbside Collection, or Blue Bins, call (800) 773-CITY, (800) 773-2489 or visit the website: www.lacity.org/SAN/solid_resources/recycling. For more on the Department of Public Works call the Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, or email: PAO@lacity.org. The website address is: www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.

The Public Works Department is the third largest municipal agency in the City. With more than 5,700 employees and an annual budget of more than \$1 billion, DPW is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure.

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