

# City of Los Alamitos Recycling & Waste Newsletter



SUMMER 2020

## Three Cheers for Our Employees!

Team members worked long hours to serve our communities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, answering more phone calls, adjusting routes to handle increased residential waste volumes and assisting our small business customers. These essential workers showed up to keep our communities clean and sustainable, and we want to give them a special thank you for their hard work!



*Residents showed their appreciation for our employees during the COVID-19 crisis.*

## Municipal Relationship Manager Recognized by the City of Los Alamitos

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission for the City of Los Alamitos has honored Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager Manuel Gouveia with the California Parks and Recreation Society District 10 Volunteer Merit Award. This award recognizes the efforts of individuals and organizations that volunteer in their respective communities. As Municipal Relationship Manager, Manuel is dedicated to serving the recycling and solid waste service needs for the entire Los Alamitos community on behalf of Republic Services, Inc., the City's franchise waste hauler. Manuel has been with Republic Services, and responsible for serving Los Alamitos, since 2017. In his role, Manuel serves as the contract administrator, service liaison and community representative on behalf of Republic Services to the entire City of Los Alamitos. Manuel also serves the nearby cities of Seal Beach, Long Beach, Montebello, Vernon and the County of Los Angeles. Manuel sits on the boards of directors for the Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Long Beach Chambers of Commerce. During his tenure in the City of Los Alamitos, Manuel has volunteered and supported many of the City's programs and events, including Race on the Base, 4th of July Spectacular, Serve Los Al service weekend, National Night Out and Winter Wonderland — where he offers free rides on a trash truck and often draws a line even longer than Santa Claus! Manuel and his executive team (pictured) recently volunteered to conduct a major backyard cleanup for an elderly woman in Los Alamitos who was unable to complete the project on her own.



**As part of the "Committed to Serve" initiative, Republic Services® employees enjoyed weekly meals from local restaurants, such as El Pollo Loco in Los Alamitos. During the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, Republic Services launched Committed to Serve to help employees, customers and communities across Southern California and the United States. For more information, visit [RepublicServices.com/CommittedToServe](https://RepublicServices.com/CommittedToServe).**

## Attention, Residents and Businesses

If shelter-in-place has been fully lifted, the City of Los Alamitos will be hosting its annual 4th of July celebration at the Joint Forces Training Base along with the Serve Los Al event on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, 2020. For more information, please visit [ServeLosAl.org](https://ServeLosAl.org).

For updates from the City of Los Alamitos on coronavirus, visit [CityofLosAlamitos.org/los-alamitos-update-covid-19](https://CityofLosAlamitos.org/los-alamitos-update-covid-19). Additional information for businesses is available at [CityofLosAlamitos.org/resources-for-businesses](https://CityofLosAlamitos.org/resources-for-businesses).



## Recycling — More Important Than Ever

Recyclables are more important to our supply chains than ever. As the economy slowed during the past months, many manufacturers struggled to get an adequate supply of clean recyclables to create their products. Why? Because they rely on clean recyclables, like corrugated cardboard and paper, much of which comes from businesses which were closed or had sent employees home to work. For instance, 58% of the fiber in toilet tissue comes from clean, recycled paper, such as newspapers, household papers and paperboard boxes. When you are recycling paper at home or at work, you are an important part of the toilet paper supply chain!

Remember to recycle all of your clean paper, flattened cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs, and glass bottles and jars. Manufacturers are counting on you! Learn more about proper recycling at [RecyclingSimplified.com](http://RecyclingSimplified.com).

## What to Do With Household Hazardous Waste

Republic Services offers Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) doorstep collections to Los Alamitos residents on the first Wednesday of each month. To schedule a pickup, please call 800.299.4898. For more information on HHW collections or to submit an online pickup request, please visit: [local.RepublicServices.com/site/los-angeles-ca/los-alamitos](http://local.RepublicServices.com/site/los-angeles-ca/los-alamitos).

## State Laws AB 341 and 1826 Require Recycling

In California, recycling is mandatory for many businesses and multi-family properties. If you operate a business or manage an apartment or condominium community, learn how Assembly Bills 341 (paper and containers) and 1826 (yard and food waste) affect you by contacting Republic Services at 800.299.4898 or visiting [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com).



## Holiday Collection Schedule

During the week of Labor Day in early September, recycling and waste collection services will be delayed by one day. All collections will be completed by Saturday of the holiday week.

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