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Antioch sends less material to landfills every year!

Community increases efforts to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot!

Antioch – As a community, the City of Antioch decreased the amount of material sent to landfills every year for 5 consecutive years, 2011 looks to continue this trend. Based on data collected by CalRecycle and annual reports submitted by the City of Antioch to CalRecycle, the total tonnage landfilled by Antioch residents and businesses has been decreasing since 2005 (see table below).

Report Year	Approved Disposal Tons
2005	87,961
2006	81,167
2007	72,099
2008	71,089
2009	67,108
2010	66,488

Year to date collection data submitted by Allied Waste, the City's franchised garbage and recycling hauler, indicates that 2011 will be even better. The majority of this can be attributed to the effort of our residents to keep material out of the landfill. Compared to 2010, residents have wheeled almost 1,000 tons more recyclables to the curb for collection this year to date. This is not the only way the community is increasing their efforts. A year to date comparison of residential garbage collection shows a reduction compared to 2010 of nearly 3,000 tons. According to Julie Haas-

Wajdowicz, Antioch's Environmental Resource Coordinator, this could be the result of efforts by families to stretch their dollars by avoiding purchasing disposable items, repairing items or participating in many of the city's reuse events.

Partnering with Allied Waste, the City is provided residents with opportunities to "Choose to Reuse" last month, including a city-wide yard sale on October 8 & 9, the Reuse Roundup on October 15 and a costume exchange on October 18th. Says Julie Haas-Wajdowicz, "This was our 5th Annual Costume Exchange and it was our largest one to date with over 75 people swapping costumes." The Reuse Roundup involved 6 non-profits and kept an estimated 4 tons of useable items out of local landfills while providing materials and revenue for local non-profits. Additional photographs are available.



For more information on reducing waste and other environmental practices call the Environmental Resource Line at (925) 779-6137, visit us on the web at www.ci.antioch.ca.us/environment or 'like' us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/EcoAntioch>.

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