

City of Willcox Newsletter Dec 2010

ILLEGAL DUMPING AT THE COMPOST AREA

Arnold Arvizu, Supervisor, Streets & Refuse, PS & W

The City of Willcox has been maintaining a compost area for years. This is located off of Fairway Lane, behind the golf course. Dumping compost is free to the public. City crews chip branches and small trees which produces wood chips. These wood chips, as well as other compost materials, are free to the public.

The compost area was a favorite dumping site for illegal dumping in the past. City work forces cleaned up the area and try to maintain it as best as time allows. There is a large sign which states: No dumping of tires, lumber or any household goods.

The City is trying to keep the compost area in order, although there are still a few individuals or citizens that don't pay attention to the signs, and fail to follow a City ordinance that prohibits illegal dumping on City property. The City does not have the manpower or financing to keep someone at the compost area to prevent this from happening.

We are asking the public to help us keep things in order and to report illegal dumping at the compost area. Please notify the police department: 520-384-4673 or 320 W. Rex Allen Drive, if you see someone dumping household trash, lumber or tires. Anyone caught dumping illegally may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IN CITY DUMPSTERS

The City has dumpsters throughout the city parks and on Railroad Avenue, by the City yard. People have been dumping their household trash in our City dumpsters illegally. Household garbage is to be dumped at the Cochise County Transfer Station off of East Maley Street. There is a minimal charge for household trash bags as well as truck loads. The City is asking the public to stop dumping household trash in City dumpsters, and reminds you that **ANYONE** caught dumping illegally may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Please help keep our City clean and report any illegal dumping. Thank you.

'Recycle' Your Used Christmas Tree!

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

When you are finished with your Christmas tree (assuming you did not buy a live tree for replanting or have a reusable tree) you may disposal of the *undecorated* tree by taking it to the City's "Green Site". The Green Site is located near the Golf Course; take Rex Allen Jr. Drive toward the Golf course; just before the Driving Range, turn right on the dirt road; about a ¼ mile on the left is a large area for green waste (not for garbage, old sofas, concrete, or lumber). If you leave your *undecorated* tree there, the City will mulch it up. The mulch is free to anyone who would like to pick it up and use it.

If you have a hard time getting to the Green Site, **for Christmas only**, you can drop off your used Christmas tree across the street from the Public Works yard on the railroad frontage at Delos and Railroad Ave. Please have a Safe and Happy Holidays.

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE SAFE GIFTS

Jeff Stoddard, Safety Officer

Keep your kids S.A.F.E. These tips cover toy safety from purchase to play.

S = Supervision:

Watch young children closely as they play—if you're not playing with them yourselves.

Teach children how to use their toys safely.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from younger siblings.

Inspect kids' toys regularly. Fix broken toys immediately or throw them out.

• **A** = Age appropriate:

▪ Choose toys that are developmentally appropriate and suit the age, ability, and interest level of your child.

▪ Read labels on toys or containers to guide you in choosing safe items.

• **F** = Free of inherent hazards:

▪ Toys for children under the age of 3 should be free of small parts, sharp points and edges, and long cords.

▪ Look for labels with warnings, such as: "NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE. CONTAINS SMALL PARTS."

• **E** = Equipment:

▪ Require kids to wear helmets when using bicycles, skateboards, or in-line roller blades. Wear them yourselves when sharing these activities with kids.

▪ Require kids to wear gloves, wrist, elbow, and knee pads when using skateboards or in-line roller blades.

Why It Matters

- Over 3 billion toys and games are sold every year in the U.S.
- Around 15 children under the age of 14 die from a toy-related incident every year.
- Around 217,000 toy-related injuries are treated in hospital emergency rooms.
- In one recent year, 20 children died from toy-related deaths. In the same year, there were 75,000 toy-related injuries in children under the age of 14.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

City Council Meetings

Monday
Jan 3, 2011

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Note Date: Tuesday
Jan 18, 2011

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
Public Safety Complex
300 W. Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED at NOON, Dec 23 Thru Sunday, Dec 26 for the Christmas Holidays; and also at NOON, Dec 30 Thru Sunday, Jan 2, 2011 for the New Year's Holidays. The City of Willcox Wishes Everyone the Most Joyous Of Holiday Seasons!!