

City of San Juan Capistrano

Environmental Division

2007

Environmental Calendar



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To report hazardous material entering our storm drains, call the San Juan Capistrano Stormwater Hotline at (949) 234-4575.

For more information about this and other environmental programs, visit www.sanjuancapistrano.org or contact **Ziad Mazboudi** at (949) 234-4413.



Time for New Years Resolutions!

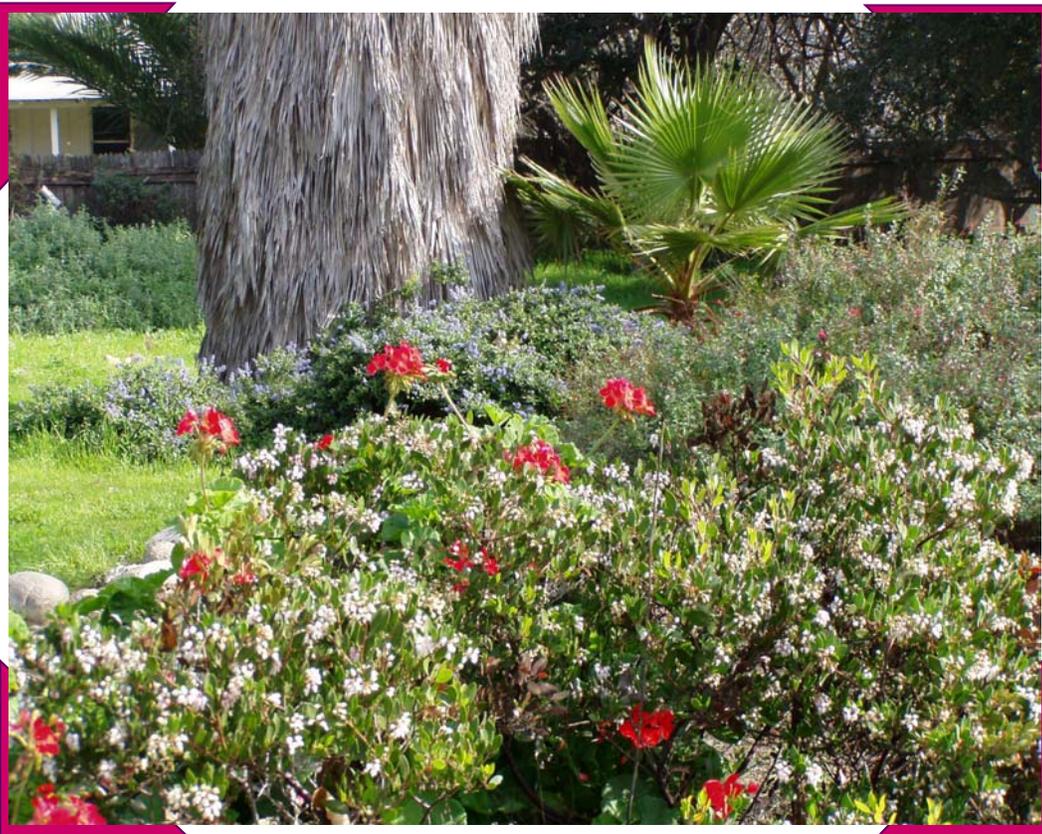
RESOLVE TO:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Conserve
- Xeriscape
- Car Pool
- Eco-Shop

JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day <i>City Offices Closed</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p>“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” - Dr. Seuss, “The Lorax”</p>		



Fall In Love With Native Plants....

California's native plants, having evolved here, are ideally suited to perform such ecological services as manufacturing oxygen and filtering impurities from our water. These plants also do the best job at feeding and sheltering native wild animals.

Native plants

- require minimal trimming and irrigation
- Are naturally fire retardant
- Thrive in local conditions

For more information on native plants visit www.bewaterwise.com, www.laspilitas.com, or www.cnps.org

FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"For myself I hold no preference among flowers, so long as they are wild, free, spontaneous." - Edward Abbey</p>				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17 Lincoln Celebration at the Mission
18	19 President's Day City Offices Closed	20	21 Taste of San Juan At El Adobe	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24
25	26	27	28			
National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week						



March.....

.....to the recycling bin!

- Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water!
- Making recycled paper instead of new paper uses 64% less energy and uses 58% less water.
- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air in one year.
- Paper products use up at least 35% of the world's commercial wood harvest
- Every day American businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth 20 times!

MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Waste not the smallest thing created, for grains of sand make mountains and atomies infinity - E. Knight				1	2	3
4 Kids Pet Parade	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 El Presidente Ball St. Patrick's Day
18	19 St. Joseph's Day	20 Spring Begins	21 Fiesta Grande Ball World Forestry Day	22	23 Hoos'gow Day	24 Swallow's Day Parade and Mercado
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Celebrate The Earth!

- Reduce junk mail by calling the 800 numbers to remove your name from the lists
- Plant a tree to shade your house and give you're A/C a break.
- Bike or walk instead of drive.
- Drink beverages from a re-usable washable mug.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Buy products made from recycled material.
- Keep you car maintained so it doesn't leak oil or pollute.
- Use recycled oil.
- Practice water conservation



APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				San Juan Capistrano's Earth Day		Earth Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Arbor Day	
29	30		We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. - Native American Proverb			



April Showers brought MAY FLOWERS

But did they also pollute our ocean? Even if you live miles from the ocean you may be polluting. There is *stormwater runoff* that is caused by rain-water and *urban runoff* that is caused by excessive water use from irrigation, vehicle washing and other sources. Prevent pollution:

- Place trash in trash cans and make sure to put the lid on
- Keep cars in good repair—look for leaks.
- Pick up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash.
- Use a broom or rake to clean up yard debris—not a hose.

MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't blow it - good planets are hard to find. - Quoted in Time		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
International Compost Awareness Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		International Day of Biological Diversity				
27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day City Offices Closed					



Conserve Water!

Did you know that the average Southern Californian family uses about 500 gallons of water per day? Please do your part to help conserve our greatest natural resource.

- Sweep your patio instead of hosing it down
- Don't use your toilet as a trash can
- Only run full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine
- Repair any leaks promptly
- Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth
- Plant drought tolerant plants
- Install low flow toilets and other water saving appliances



JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. -French Proverb						1	2
3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Ocean Day	9	
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 CUSD-Last Day of School Summer Begins	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	



Summer Vacation!

As you hit the road this summer, be cautious of your gas consumption. There are some easy ways to save money and gas on your way to summer fun.

- Remove excess weight from your trunk and car
- Don't start and stop the engine needlessly. Idling your engine for 1 minute consumes the same amount of energy as starting the car
- Maintain clean air filters
- Inflate all tires to maximum limit
- Drive steadily
- Boost your chance of "green light all the way" by traveling the speed limit

JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day City Offices Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better. - Albert Camus			



Save Trees Reduce Junk Mail

In 1990, over 418,000 tons of bulk mail were thrown away unopened in the United States. Reducing junk mail saves landfill space, conserves natural resources. Every time you buy something, order a product by mail or on the internet, enter a contest, make a donation, write a check, subscribe to a magazine, or send in a warranty card, chances are your name and address are being added to a mailing list of some kind. That list may be rented, sold or traded to other companies. Check out www.ciwmb.ca.gov/wpw/home/junkmail.htm to see how you can reduce your junkmail.

AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven. - Rabindranath Tagore, <i>Fireflies</i> , 1928			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	National Water Quality Month

Urban Runoff

Runoff from inefficient irrigation carries many pollutants from landscaped areas such as fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and sediment to our creek and then to the ocean. Below are some tips to minimize urban runoff

- Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.
- Use a broom to wash down patios instead of the hose.
- Pick up pest waste immediately.
- Make sure trash can lids are closed.
- Use an ashtray for cigarette butts
- Don't Litter!

For more info on our Creek Cleanup Event, please visit www.sanjuancapistrano.org



SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Filthy water cannot be washed. - African Proverb						1
2	3 Labor Day City Office Closed	4 CVUSD-First Day of School	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15 San Juan Capistrano Creek Cleanup Day
16	17	18	19	20	21 Peace One Day	22
National Pollution Prevention Week						
Fall Begins 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



Household Hazardous Waste

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Improper HHW disposal includes pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. Many materials like motor oil and batteries can be recycled. HHW can be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at no cost. For info about the proper disposal of HHW, call the Household Waste Hotline at 714-834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com

OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Energy Awareness Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
World Rainforest Week						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween	<i>When we heal the Earth, we heal ourselves.</i> -David OPP		



Electronic Waste

Or 'E-Waste' requires special disposal. Advances in technology and expanding demand for new features speeds up the generation of old electronics. The result is a growing challenge for businesses and residents as they search for cost effective and environmentally safe ways to reuse, recycle or properly dispose of e-waste. Computer monitors and televisions contain cathode ray tubes (CRTs). The state considers CRTs hazardous waste. Take your e-waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at Prima Deshecha Landfill. For hours of operation visit www.oilandfills.com.



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world - John Muir				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time Ends						
11	12 Veterans Day Holiday City Offices Closed	13	14	15 America Recycles Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day City Offices Closed	23 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Green Holiday

The amount of trash created in December and January can increase waste collection by 25%. Help keep this holiday season green by following these easy steps:

REDUCE

- Avoid items with a lot of extra packaging
- Create homemade decorations

REUSE

- Donate unwanted gifts or old replaced items
- Purchase rechargeable batteries
- Save bags and wrap for next year

RECYCLE

- Recycle your tree. Visit www.crrwasteservices.com for info

DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished. - Lao Tzu						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						Winter Begins
23	Christmas Eve City Offices Closed 24	25	26	27	28	29
30	New Years Eve City Offices Closed 31	Christmas Day City Offices Closed				