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## OCEANSIDE'S GREEN WASTE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN BEGAN SEPTEMBER 10

The City of Oceanside is committed to its Zero Waste goals, which will allow the City to meet the State's initiative that requires California cities to divert a minimum of 75 percent of waste from entering landfills by 2020. The City of Oceanside is working closely with local waste haulers and recycling facilities to help residents create a Zero Waste community.

During the month of September the City of Oceanside, Waste Management, and the El Corazon Compost Facility are working closely together to help educate residents on how to properly recycle their yard trimmings and reduce the amount of household waste generated. Beginning September 10 Waste Management will be placing educational decals on residential green waste carts to help residents determine what type of material can be added to the green waste carts.

"As Oceanside's environmental solutions partner, we want to engage with our customers to help reduce the amount of trash and other contaminates going into the green waste that we handle," said Lori Somers, Waste Management's community and municipal relations manager. "By properly recycling their green waste, residents can help keep green waste from going into local landfills."

From September 10 through September 28 Waste Management is asking residents to place their green waste carts out on collection day so that educational decals can be placed on their carts. Decals will be placed on a maximum of two carts per household.

All green waste collected from Oceanside residents goes directly to the El Corazon Compost Facility that is operated by Agri Service, Inc., for the City. The City of Oceanside provides free compost to Oceanside residents at the El Corazon Compost facility, which is created from the material that residents add to their green waste carts. Removing plastic and other debris reduces recycling costs and increases the overall quality of the compost. The El Corazon Compost Facility has recycled over 1 million tons of green waste, creating high-quality soil amendments and mulch products since opening in 1995 and provides free organic gardening classes to the community.

For more information, residents can visit the City of Oceanside's website at: www.OceansideRecycles.org, Waste Management's website at http://northcounty.wm.com or Agri Service, Inc.'s website at www.agriserviceinc.com.

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