

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 27, 2012
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Reusable Bag Ordinance Effective January 1 - The City's Reusable Bag Ordinance will take effect January 1, 2013. Staff has been providing public reminders about the ordinance requirements throughout the year, including coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, Laguna Beach Visitors Center, and the Farmers Market. In December, the City mailed out over 600 letters to local retailers as a final reminder about the January 1 effective date. Staff received about seven calls from retailers in response with questions about how the ordinance regulations applied to their specific business. For the next two weeks the City will be running quarter-page display ads with some of the local media to remind the general public about the ordinance. The ads will include a link to the City's webpage that provides more specific details about the ordinance requirements and applicability.

Holiday trash collection schedule and Tree Recycling - Residential and commercial trash pick-up schedules will be delayed by one day through the two holiday weeks. Residents who receive service on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday should place their carts out for pick-up one day later than usual during these two weeks. Waste Management is collecting and recycling holiday trees on the regular collection day, at no charge, between now and Friday, January 18. Trees must be cut to lengths less than four feet. Decorations, tinsel, metal ornaments, and metal stands must be removed from the trees. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be made into compost due to their chemical content. After January 18, a tree can also be recycled by cutting it up and placing it in the green waste cart.

City Hall Closed on Monday before New Year's - The New Year's holiday falls on Tuesday, January 1. City Hall is closed on December 31 and January 1. Essential services such as police, fire, lifeguards, bus service and other functions would still be provided on all these days.

No Holiday Street Sweeping - There will be no street sweeping on Tuesday, January 1. There will be no parking enforcement for those streets posted for street sweeping on this day.

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