

## TMCA DUMPSTER DAYS GUIDELINES

The dumpsters are for trash disposal and each will be labeled as one of these four categories:

- Green Waste
- Wood
- Metal
- Trash (for items that don't fall into one of the above categories)

Packing items into the proper dumpster is both environmentally friendly and saves TMCA money, as the disposal fees are less for green waste, lumber and metal than for general trash.

We do not accept these items:

- Hazardous waste such as paint, chemicals such as insecticides and herbicides
- Tires
- Fluorescent light bulbs and batteries
- Propane tanks
- Dirt and concrete

TMCA can be fined heavily if these items are found in the dumpsters when the dumpsters are emptied. These items can be taken to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 6411 Oak Canyon in Irvine. They are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about this service, call the Center at 714-834-6752 and at [www.oilandfills.com](http://www.oilandfills.com).

Please follow the volunteers' instructions on which dumpster to use and fill up first. In the event a volunteer is busy with someone else please use the following guidelines while loading your items:

- Dumpster Days is a "first come, first served" event. The dumpsters may be full on Sunday, so plan accordingly and come Saturday if you have large or multiple items.
- Our trash company, CR&R Waste & Recycling Services, offers free large item pickup service. To schedule a pickup or to ask questions, call CR&R Customer Service at 800-826-9677. It is much easier to dispose of appliances, water heaters, BBQ's, closet doors, etc., at your curb where CR&R will pick them up, rather than waiting for and bringing them to Dumpster Days. These items also take up a lot of space in the dumpsters.
- We encourage you to recycle materials such as cardboard and paper by breaking them down and placing them in your blue trash bins at home, rather than bringing them to Dumpster Days.
- The dumpsters should be loaded from the back first to save space. Do not just drop your item off at the front of the dumpster as that makes more work for the volunteers.
- Mattresses, plywood, and other flat items should be stored on their edge along the side of the trash dumpsters to take up less space and allow for more items to fit.

- The wood dumpster is for wood only and the wood should not have metal or other material attached to it. Stack wood in a neat pile, not crossways, and on its side when possible.
- The metal dumpster is for metal only and the metal should not have wood, plastic, or other material attached to it. Stack the metal in neat piles, not crossways.
- Before disposing of green waste in a green waste dumpster, properly cut up tree branches and other refuse. If the branches are too big or long, they won't properly fit compactly in the dumpster.
- Garbage bags or other containers are not allowed in the green waste dumpsters. If refuse is brought in garbage bags or other containers, the contents should be emptied out and the garbage bags or other container should be deposited in a trash dumpster.
- If a dumpster is getting full, the doors should be closed and pinned so that items do not spill out and create more work for our volunteers. This is your event so please be respectful of how hard your volunteer neighbors are working for you.

If there are items you decide to salvage for yourself, be sure to take them with you after you unload your vehicle. We will not hold items for pick up! If you want it take it, but please do not leave anything behind or in the center grass area. Volunteers should not have to handle these items again, and as the dumpsters are often at capacity on Sunday the items might not fit. Thanks for understanding.

**In an effort to create a safe and organized event, we ask that volunteers remember the following:**

- Please wear one of the red aprons that are provided so that you can be easily identified as a volunteer and be visible to traffic.
- For those working at the check in table, notebooks are provided with listings of the names and addresses of all homeowners. Request to see the person's driver's license or a piece of mail to match a listing in the notebook. Please note that not all renters are entered in our system and so a renter's name might not appear in the notebook. If the name doesn't correspond with the address in the book, you can verify Tustin Meadows residency by viewing the person's driver's license or mail such as an electric bill that shows a Tustin Meadows address.
- For those working at the dumpsters, wear your grubby cloths and heavy work shoes, and bring work gloves. You will be assigned a dumpster to monitor and your job is to assure that the proper material is being dumped and packed in the dumpster back to front so there is no wasted space. You might find it helpful to bring a sledgehammer or other tools to break items down, but keep your eye on your tools so they don't end up in a dumpster.

**THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ENJOY YOUR EVENT!**