

Rules for Paper Drive

PLEASE SEPARATE NEWSPAPER WASTE FROM OTHER PAPER WASTE!

NEWSPAPER WASTE INCLUDES:

EVERYTHING IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS
PHONE BOOKS WITH COVERS REMOVED

OTHER PAPER WASTE INCLUDES:

CARDBOARD, CARTONS, ETC.
BOOKS, PHONE BOOK COVERS, AND MAGAZINES
CONFETTI OR SHREDDED PAPER

Rules for Collection of Cans and Plastic Bottles

Here are the rules for bringing cans and bottles. We would greatly appreciate your putting plastic bottles and cans in separate bags/containers and removing caps from all bottles.

- **Acceptable Containers Must Be Labeled with one of the following:**
 - "California Redemption Value"
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 - "California Cash Refund"
 - "CA Cash Refund" "CA CRV"
- **Please Make Sure Containers Are Empty**
- **Please Make Sure Bottle Tops Are Removed**
- **Put Pre-sorted Cans and Bottles Into Trash Barrels Labeled "Pre-Sort"**
- **Put Unsorted Cans and Bottles on Table**
- We are no longer accepting glass recyclables due to issues with broken glass and the potential hazards. We appreciate your understanding.

RHA Paper Drive Needs Your Help to Continue Rossmoor's Role as a Leader in Recycling!

On the last Saturday of every month (except when it falls on Christmas Day) volunteers organized by the Rossmoor Homeowners Association gather at the Rush Park parking lot on Blume Drive to load up to three of those big blue bins full of newspapers and other waste paper products (books, magazines, cardboard, etc.) from 8 AM to 1 PM. Typically they load from 10 to 15 tons in 5 hours, which makes for tired bodies at the end of the day.

The Paper Drive started with collection of 15,500 pounds in July of 1995. As of September 2009, the total collection was over 3,500 tons or 7,000,000 pounds. This sustained effort is an outstanding example of volunteerism and has contributed much to protection of our environment and to the quality of life in Rossmoor. Total volunteer time is estimated to be over 5,600 hours and resource savings have been equivalent to over 53,600 35-ft tall trees and 12,900,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy (enough to power about 1,580 homes for a year). And, of course, after expenses we have generated over \$100,000 in funds that have been used for:

- Purchase of construction and equipment for the Rush Park Tot Lot
- Purchase of parkway trees
- Purchase of equipment and construction of the kitchen at Rush Park
- Purchase of equipment and construction of the Triangle Park outside the wall at the southeast corner of Rossmoor
- Payment for painting house numbers on curbs every 2 years to help emergency responders to find homes
- Support of annual Rossmoor picnics and other community wide projects
- Landscaping upgrade of the Rush Park Auditorium access area.
- Donations to youth groups supporting the paper drive

Another valuable benefit of the Paper Drive continues to be as a source of opportunity for high school student volunteers to accumulate community service hours that are valuable in college applications. The RHA believes this also makes everyone who participates or contributes paper aware of the importance of volunteerism.

Shirley Bailey, Jim Alexander, Larry Pace, and Mike Davis have been that energized and sustained the Paper Drive and continue to be a valuable resource in guiding our effort and infusing enthusiasm. The CR&R waste management company has been very supportive of our effort, providing the bins for the paper and hauling the bins at no cost to the RHA. Currently Bill Gekler continues as coordinator for the Paper Drive.

How can you help Rossmoor continue to be a leader in recycling? In recent months collections have dropped. Therefore, the RHA is asking all Rossmoor residents not now bringing their papers to the Paper Drive to consider doing so. Some factors contributing to this drop in collection are smaller (thinner) newspapers, the use of internet and TV as the source of news and information, and increasing curbside collection of newspapers by other persons in Rossmoor.

The RHA reminds everyone that curbside collections are not sponsored by RHA and contribute nothing to the RHA's efforts to maintain the Rossmoor quality of life. If you wish to contribute to the Paper Drive and cannot make it to Rush Park on the last Saturday of each month, contact Bill at RHAPaperDrive@aol.com or call the RHA at 562-

799-1401, and he will suggest alternatives that make sure your waste paper recycling efforts contribute to the quality of life in Rossmoor and to improving the environment. Please make sure that your papers and the money raised from their collection continues to help improve our wonderful community.