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City Students Recycle Phone Books to Help the Environment and Earn Money for their School

Annual Recycling Contest Takes Place through March

Council Member Robbie Waters and the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities kick-off annual Phone Book Recycling Contest on March 2, 2009. The Contest features a recycling competition amongst local elementary schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District. Students, parents, friends and neighbors are encouraged to bring their phone books to their elementary school for recycling. Participating schools will be awarded a cash prize for the books they collect through funding from AT&T Real YellowPages, Allied Waste and the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station. The school that collects the most books will receive a recognition party and participate in a tree planting sponsored by AT&T Real YellowPages and the Sacramento Tree Foundation to celebrate their recycling efforts.

“Each year, local phone companies deliver new phone books to over 130,000 residences in Sacramento,” said Edison Hicks, Integrated Waste General Manager for the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities Solid Waste Services. “We think this competition is a win-win for everyone. Residents are able to recycle their old books and benefit their neighborhood schools while helping to keep waste from the landfill.”

This year, nineteen local schools have signed up to participate in the Annual Phone Book Recycling Competition. Last year, twenty-one schools collected and recycled over 40,000 books. Recycled phone books can be used to make several new products including recycled paper, lumber, insulation, egg cartons, mulch and other supplies. Additionally, each ton of recycled paper saves 3 yards of landfill space, 4,000-kilowatt hours of energy and 7,000 gallons of water.

The Annual Phone Book Recycling Contest ends on March 27, 2009. For more information about recycling, please visit www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities or call (916) 808-5454. A current list of participating schools is attached.

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**List of Schools Participating in the Annual Phone Book Recycling Competition
(as of March 2, 2009)**

School	Address	City	State	Zip
Abraham Lincoln Elementary	3324 Glenmoor Dr	Sacramento	CA	95827
Alice Birney Elementary	6251 13th St	Sacramento	CA	95831
Bret Harte Elementary	2751 9th Ave	Sacramento	CA	95818
Camellia Basic Elementary	6600 Cougar Dr	Sacramento	CA	95822
David Lubin Elementary	3535 M Street	Sacramento	CA	95816
Earl Warren Elementary	5420 Lowell St	Sacramento	CA	95820
H.W. Harkness Elementary	2147 54th Ave	Sacramento	CA	95822
Hollywood Park Elementary	4915 Harte Way	Sacramento	CA	95822
James Marshall Elementary	9525 Goethe Rd	Sacramento	CA	95827
John Cabrillo Elementary	1141 Seamas Ave	Sacramento	CA	95822
John Sloat Elementary	7525 Candlewood Way	Sacramento	CA	95822
Lisbon Elementary	7555 S. Land Park Dr	Sacramento	CA	95831
Mark Hopkins Elementary	2221 Matson Dr	Sacramento	CA	95822
Martin Luther King, Jr K-8	480 Little River Way	Sacramento	CA	95831
Matsuyama Elementary	7680 Windbrige Dr	Sacramento	CA	95831
Pacific Elementary School	6201 41st Street	Sacramento	CA	95824
Strauch Elementary	3141 Northstead Dr	Sacramento	CA	95833
Theodore Judah Elementary	3919 McKinley	Sacramento	CA	95819
Washington Elementary	520 18th Street	Sacramento	CA	95811



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