

City of Hesperia Environmental Awareness Calendar

It is vital to be good stewards of our limited environmental resources. By using less water and energy, putting litter in its place, and thinking about reducing the amount of trash we generate, the City of Hesperia can move towards being a sustainable City.

This Environmental Awareness Calendar lets us see how our youngest residents think about protecting the environment. Each year, Advance Disposal sponsors an art contest for Hesperia schoolchildren. Students provide beautiful and creative drawings about the three Rs—reduce, reuse, and recycle—and about the importance of protecting our environment by keeping Hesperia Beautiful.

In addition to student artwork, this calendar contains information on the City's environmental programs and tips for being more environmentally friendly. If you would like more information about any of the City's programs, please call the City of Hesperia at (760) 947-1020.



Monica Galvan - 11th Grade, Oak Hills High School

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day City Offices Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7 City Council Meeting	8 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed	21 City Council Meeting	22 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Benefits of Composting at Home

Composting, the natural process of recycling organic material, is a great way to reduce the amount of organic waste you generate at home. Compost can be added to soil to help plants grow. Many types of food waste and yard waste can be composted at home, including lawn clippings, tree and shrub trimmings, vegetable garden and fruit tree waste, autumn leaves, coffee grounds, and fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen.

In addition to reducing your household waste by 50-70%, composting reduces methane emissions and lowers your carbon footprint. Compost reduces the need for chemical fertilizers by enriching the soil, helping soil retain moisture, suppressing plant disease and pests, and encouraging the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material.



Alena Garcia - 5th Grade, Mesa Grande Elementary

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Tire Amnesty Day
2	3	4 City Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day City Offices Closed	18 City Council Meeting	19	20 Neighborhood Beautification Day	21	22
23	24	25	26 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	27	28	



Maria Viracacha - 8th Grade, Hesperia Junior High

Solid Waste Disposal Guidelines

To ensure efficient solid waste disposal and recycling, please follow the disposal guidelines below when placing your trash containers out for collection:

- Place trash containers curbside by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- Place trash containers against the curb or right-of-way with handles facing your home.
- Place trash containers at least two feet away from cars, mailboxes, and other containers.
 Blocked access to containers could cause missed trash collection.
- To reduce litter, please bag trash before placing in trash container.

All materials must be placed in trash containers to be collected by Advance Disposal. If you have extra green waste or bulky item waste, please contact Advance Disposal at (760) 244-9773 to schedule a pick-up.



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 City Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Begins	10	11	12 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 City Council Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 City Hall Opens at	27	28	29
30	31 Cesar Chavez Day		9 a.m.			

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Each year, on April 22, people around the world celebrate Earth Day. Although Earth Day is only one day a year, there are many ways that we can make every day an Earth Day. Making simple changes to your lifestyle can have a significant impact on the environment. The tips below are ways that you can make choices that are good for the environment.

- Recycle beverage containers and don't litter always use trash containers.
- Reduce waste by buying in bulk, using reusable grocery bags and drink containers, repairing products instead of throwing them away, and donating items you no longer want to charity.
- Save energy by using LED bulbs and setting your thermostat to 75 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees when you are away.
- Save water by taking shorter showers, fixing leaky faucets, and using a shut-off nozzle on hoses.



Sophia Marquez - 12th Grade, Hesperia High School

To Do List

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Meeting	2	3	4	5 Tire Amnesty Day
6	7	8	9 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting Tax Day	16	17	18	19
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	24	25	26 Community Cleanup Day
27	28	29	30			



Mila Swaim - 2nd Grade, Krystal Elementary School

Bulky Item Pick-Up Program

Single-family residences and multi-family complexes can request curbside pick-up of large items. The bulky item pick-up program helps to alleviate illegal dumping and offers a convenient way for residents to dispose of unwanted large items like appliances, furniture, mattresses, water heaters, carpets, and more.

Single-family residential customers can schedule pick-ups four (4) times per year for a maximum of eight (8) bulky items per year. Multi-family residential complexes can schedule bulky item pick-ups ten (10) times per year on their regularly scheduled trash collection days.

Advance Disposal is not obligated to collect items without a scheduled appointment. Arrangements for pick-ups must be made at least one (1) week in advance, and items must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on the assigned collection day. Contact Advance Disposal at (760) 244-9773 for more information or to schedule a pick-up.



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 City Council Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	15 Neighborhood Beautification Day	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20 City Council Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	27	28 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	29	30	31

Proper Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Proper disposal of hazardous and electronic waste is important because chemicals in illegally or improperly disposed hazardous waste can be released into the environment, contaminating our air and water, and throwing hazardous waste in the garbage can be dangerous for your garbage handler.

Residents can dispose of household hazardous waste free of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Hesperia. Household hazardous Waste includes:

- Motor oil, oil filters, gasoline, and antifreeze
- Auto and household batteries
- Paints and paint products
- Pesticides, fertilizers, and pool supplies
- Household cleaners and chemical drain cleaners
- Electronic waste
- Sharps/needles (in approved container)
- Medications

The HHW Facility, located at 17443 Lemon Street, is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business waste is not accepted. Visit www.CityofHesperia.us/HHW for more information.

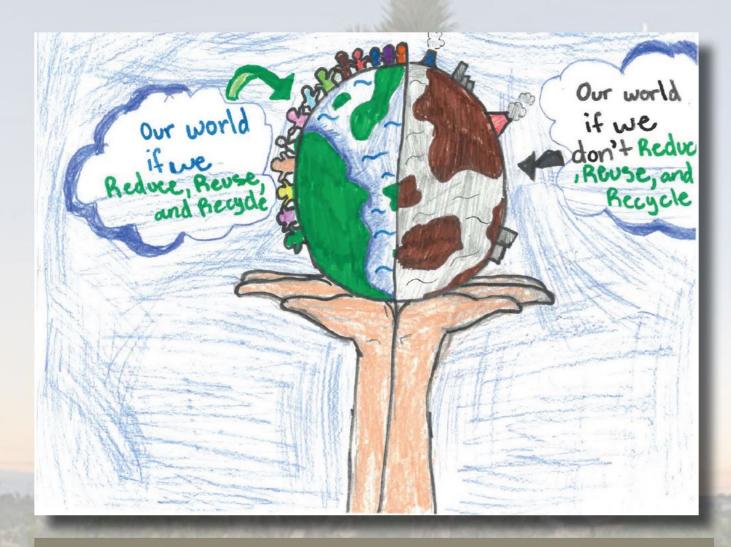


Amanda Martinez - 8th Grade, Ranchero Middle School



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 City Council Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17 City Council Meeting	18	19 Juneteenth City Offices Closed	20 First Day of Summer	21
22	23	24	25 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	26	27	28
29	30					



Helanna Tran-5th Grade, Cottonwood Elementary

Water Conservation

Conserving water remains one of the City of Hesperia's top priorities. Since Hesperia is a desert city, conserving water must be a year-round effort. There are many simple water-saving techniques that you can implement inside and outside your home to save water and money on your water bill.

- Fix leaking toilets and faucets.
- Take five-minute showers and install waterefficient showerheads.
- Shut off water while brushing teeth, washing hair, and shaving.
- Run dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads.
- Use a broom instead of water to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on hoses.
- Adjust sprinkler heads and fix leaks.
- Use drought-tolerant landscaping.

Visit www.CityofHesperia.us/SaveWater for more ways to save.

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		1 City Council Meeting	2	3	4 Independence Day City Offices Closed	5
6	7	8	9 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Energy Efficient Practices

Did you know saving energy will reduce your utility bill and lower your carbon footprint? Practice these easy, low-cost, and no-cost ways to save energy:

- Use energy-efficient LED lightbulbs.
- Plug electronics into power strips and turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Give your AC a rest when you can and cool your home with open windows and fans.
- Close your blinds to keep out the afternoon heat.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees when away.
- Look for the Energy Star® label on home appliances and products .

Visit www.CityofHesperia.us/EnergyTips to learn more.



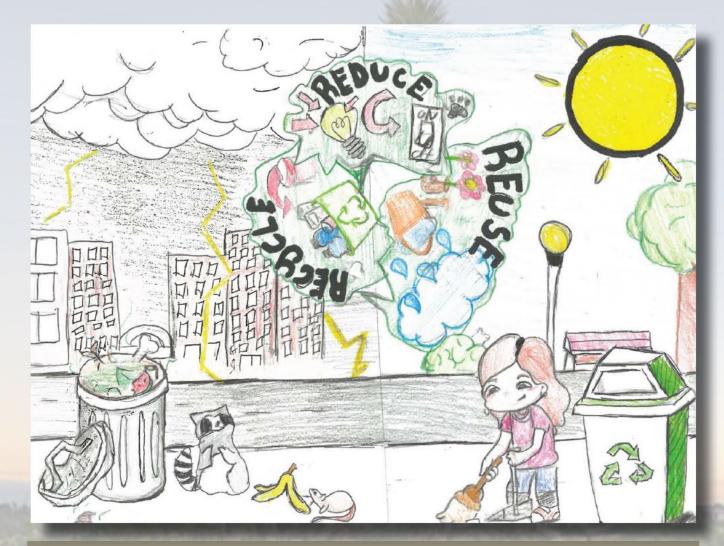
Layla (Austin) Feger - 12th Grade, Oak Hills High School

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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Tire Amnesty Day
3	4	5 City Council Meeting at 3 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19 City Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
31	25	26	27 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	28	29	30



Hailey Juarez - 7th Grade, Ranchero Middle School

Neighborhood Beautification Day

Spring cleaning doesn't only have to happen in the spring. Neighborhood Beautification Day gives Hesperia residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted large items year-round for free. The following items are accepted at Neighborhood Beautification Day:

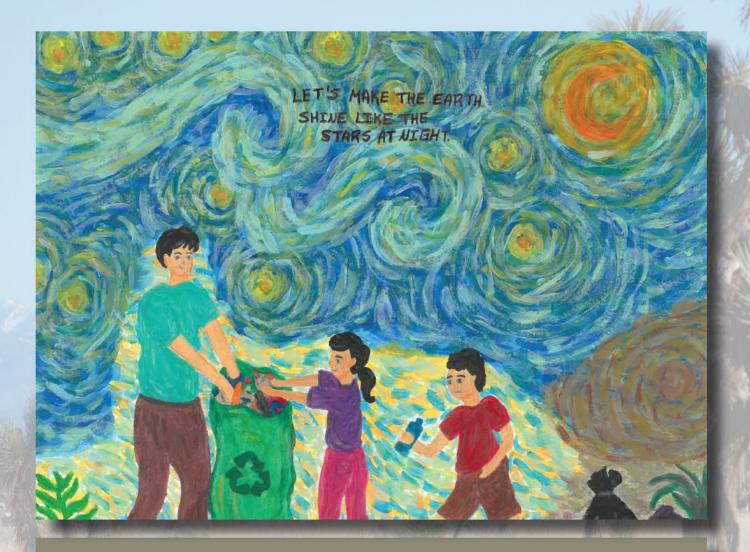
- Mattresses
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Carpet

Neighborhood Beautification Day happens four times each year. Items can be brought across the street from Advance Disposal at 17105 Mesa Street from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until trash bins are full. Visit www.CityofHesperia.us for more details and dates of upcoming Neighborhood Beautification Day events.

To Do List

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day City Offices Closed	2 City Council Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16 City Council Meeting	17	18 Neighborhood Beautification Day	19	20
21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Caleb I Alvarado Munoz - 7th Grade, Cedar Middle School

Adopt-a-Street Program

The City of Hesperia's Adopt-a-Street program is part of a litter-reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from City roads and improve the quality of our community.

The Adopt-a-Street program allows volunteers to adopt a one-mile section of City street and pledge to remove litter and weeds four times per year for a minimum of two years. The program is free and supplies are provided.

Individuals, schools, clubs, businesses, churches, and families are encouraged to get involved and help keep Hesperia beautiful.

For more information or to submit an Adopt-a-Street application, visit www.KeepHesperiaBeautiful.com.

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Tire Amnesty Day
5	6	7 City Council Meeting	8 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day City Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 City Council Meeting	22 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	23	24	25 Community Cleanup Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

City App

The City of Hesperia's mobile app allows residents and community members to report issues, pay bills, and more directly to the City using their smartphones. Download the app, snap a photo with your mobile device, and report your issue to the City.

The City's mobile app allows residents to report:

- Illegal dumping
- Water waste
- Graffiti
- Potholes
- Traffic signal issues

The City of
Hesperia app is
available for iOS
and Android.
Search "Hesperia"
in Google Play or
the App Store.





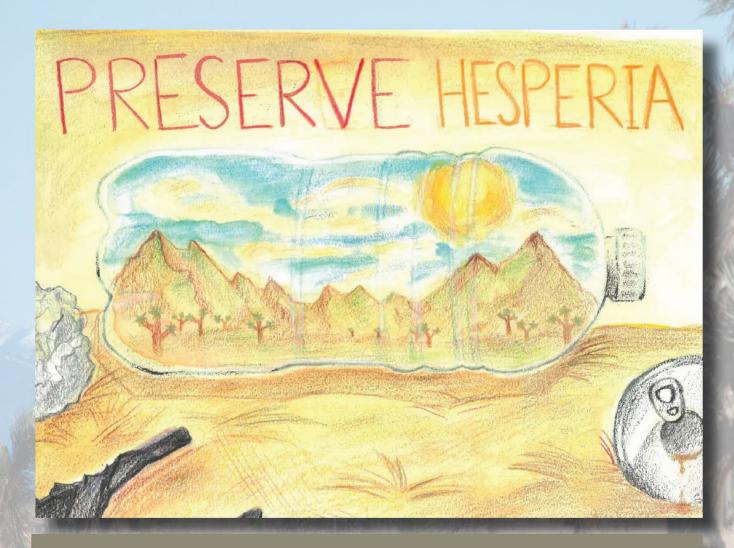
Natalie Valdes - 8th Grade, Encore High School

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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Ends	3	4 City Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day City Offices Closed	12 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 City Council Meeting	19	20	21	22
30	24	25	26 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	27 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed	28 City Offices Closed	29



Melanie Esquibel - 11th Grade, Oak Hills High School

Green Resolutions for a New Year

Make a New Year's resolution that benefits you, your family, and the environment! Every action makes a difference. Consider one of the resolutions below, or create your own.

- Use reusable bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles.
- Buy products in bulk and products with less packaging.
- Use reusable bags when shopping.
- Properly dispose of batteries, paint, motor oil, and other hazardous waste at the HHW Facility.
- · Start composting at home.
- Recycle your Christmas Tree curbside with Advance Disposal.

Ring in the new year with smart choices that save money, reduce waste, and conserve energy and water. Doing so will have a positive impact on the environment and future generations.

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December

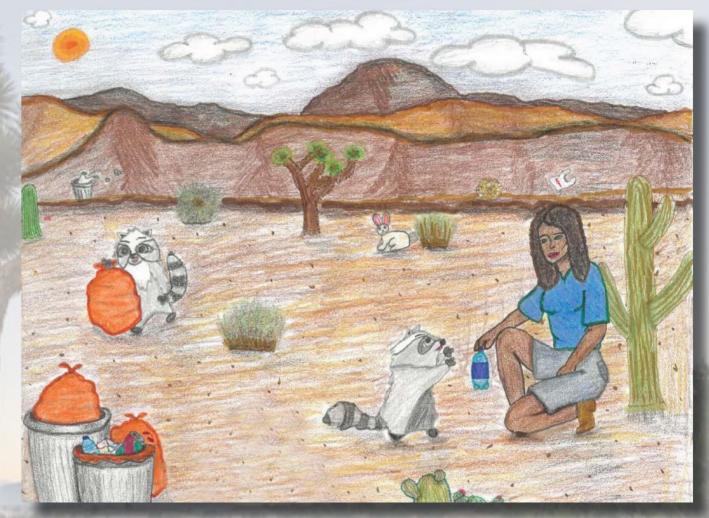
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 City Council Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 City Hall Opens at 9 a.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16 City Council Meeting	17	18 Neighborhood Beautification Day	19	20
21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed	26 City Offices Closed Holiday Closure	27
28	29 City Offices Closed Holiday Closure	30 City Offices Closed Holiday Closure	31 New Year's Eve City Offices Closed			

Cleanup Day

As part of our commitment to keeping the community clean, the City of Hesperia holds two Cleanup Days each year. In April and October, the City hosts a Saturday morning cleanup event to remove litter and debris from various locations around Hesperia.

School groups, businesses, families, and friends come together to help keep Hesperia beautiful. Volunteers receive a t-shirt, cleanup supplies, and a big "thank you" from the City of Hesperia and the community.

To learn more and register, visit www.KeepHesperiaBeautiful.com.



Rayn Scott - 10th Grade, Hesperia High School