Code Enforcement News

**Multi-Agency Code Enforcement Sweep
conducted in Apple Valley**

On November 6, 2012, Code Enforcement Officer's from the cities of Adelanto, Hesperia, and San Bernardino County joined Apple Valley to conduct joint Code Enforcement operations. Officers searched town wide for dumpsters left out in the Town right of way. Dumpsters are only allowed in the right-of-way 12 hours before and after pick up and then must be stored up against the garage, against a fence even with the front of the residence, or behind the residence. It is difficult for many residents to comply with these rules for various reasons including soft sand or the property is on a hill or slope and the dumpster is too heavy to move. If that is the case, there are a couple of options. A home owner may sign a waiver allowing the trash company to drive the truck onto the property to service the dumpster. This option is not recommended in cases where the trash truck would have to drive over concrete as the trucks are very heavy and could damage the surface. Additionally, in some limited cases if there is a wide enough rear easement the dumpster may be serviced behind the property.

As a result of the sweep, in three hours 126 Courtesy Notices of Violation were issued for dumpsters being left out in the right-of-way.

Did you know you can save approximately $10 per month by having two of the largest green trash barrels the trash company offers instead of one dumpster? Also, don't forget to recycle. Many people who use a dumpster stop recycling which can fill up the dumpster and give the impression the trash is filling up the dumpster. Recycle barrels are free and residents may have up to three. Recycling will reduce the space taken up in the trash barrels or dumpster and may allow someone to down size the trash service being paid for, saving money while helping the environment. Read more about the dumpster ordinance by visiting the Town of Apple Valley website at www.applevalley.org click on the Municipal Code and find section 6.20.160 J 1(a)