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Recycled can donations on Nov. 15 will benefit Toys for Tots

America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, is a national event of the National Recycling Coalition to encourage people to recycle and to buy recycled products. Locally, Pima Association of Governments is teaming up with the U.S. Marine Corps to collect aluminum cans between 8 a.m. and noon at various drop-off locations. (See list below or visit www.PAGnet.org and click on event listing under PAG Alert.)

The theme of the event is "Support Toys for Tots with Cans for Kids." Proceeds from the donated aluminum cans will be returned to the Marines for their Toys for Tots program. The program provides toys to needy children during the holiday season.

Marines will be stationed at the drop-off sites to assist with collecting donated aluminum cans and also will accept any unwrapped, unopened toy donations. Tucson Iron and Metal, a local recycling firm, will accept the cans and issue a check to Toys for Tots representing the value of the recycled cans.

"Our goal is to bring as many toys as possible to the children who will need them," said Gunnery Sergeant Gibson, regional coordinator of this year's annual U.S. Marine Reserve Toys for Tots drive. "The funds raised through recycling aluminum cans will be turned into toys and we appreciate the opportunity to participate in this unique effort organized by PAG."

Mrs. Tiggy Winkles Toys is the "official" event toy store and will provide a discount for toys purchased at the store with the proceeds. "We are very pleased to be a part of this effort to encourage recycling. It's a win-win for the environment and for the children who will find a Mrs. Tiggy Winkle toy in their stocking on Christmas Day," said David Correa, of Mrs. Tiggy Winkles Toys.

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Other participants include the City of Tucson and various Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in the region.

"This is a great opportunity to fulfill the vision of America Recycles Day by turning cans into toys for tots. Each recycled aluminum can saves an enormous amount of energy. Far too many cans end up in landfills and we need to turn that around," said Dennis Dickerson, PAG's event coordinator. One ton of cans will generate about \$1,000.

Benefits of Recycling Aluminum

Aluminum may be recycled over and over. Recycling aluminum also saves an incredible amount of energy – recycling one ton of aluminum cans saves as much energy as the average home would use in 10 years. Recycling means that aluminum cans do not end up in a landfill and, instead, will be put to a good use as a new product.

Drop-Off Sites

Marana Municipal Complex

11555 W. Civic Center Drive

Town of Sahuarita

Town Hall Plaza

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

American Legion Post #66

1560 W. Duval Mine Road

Green Valley

VFW 10015

5768 S. Fontana

(near Nogales Highway and Drexel)

American Legion

Morgan McDermott Post #7

330 W. Franklin

VFW Post 4903

1150 N. Beverly (near Craycroft and Speedway)

American Legion Post 36

5845 E. 22nd St.

Joaquin Murrieta Park

Northwest corner of Club View Drive & El Rio Drive

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Mansfield Park

On 4th Avenue
One block south of Grant Road

Morris K. Udall Park

South side of Tanque Verde Road
1/4 mile east of Sabino Canyon Road

Miller-Golf Links Library

9640 E. Golf Links Road
Southeast corner of Golf Links Road and Harrison Road

Golf Links Sports Park

West side of Craycroft Road
North of Golf Links Road

Ward 5 Office

4300 S. Park Ave.
North of Fair Street

Kennedy Park

Northwest of the library
On the west side of Mission Road, north of Ajo Way

Patrick K. Hardesty Midtown Multi-Service Center

1100 S. Alvernon Way,
Northwest corner of Alvernon Way and 22nd St.

Jacobs Park

On Fairview Avenue, south of Prince Road

City of South Tucson

South 6th Avenue
38th Street, southwest corner

Himmel Park

1st Street at Tucson Boulevard
North parking lot

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