

In a Quandary About What To Do  
With Your Old Cell Phone?  
That's Easy — *Recycle It!*



We all know that ever since we were told we could take our phone numbers with us when transferring to another wireless carrier -- we did -- and in record numbers! We no longer hesitate to shift our service to another wireless carrier to take advantage of lower prices, improved service, or new-fangled product offerings. Unfortunately, this shift usually means the tossing-out of our old cell phone since it won't work on the new carrier's network. This unfortunate byproduct of the shifting, along with the reduced 'technical' life expectancy of the average cell phone, has resulted in nearly 14 million of the buggers being discarded in California each year – that's 38,000 a day!

In recognition of the impact this new electronic waste poses to the environment, last year California passed the *Cell Phone Recycling Act of 2004*; the first of its sort in the nation. The *Act* classifies cell phones as 'hazardous waste' and mandates their proper disposal.

In recognition of this growing threat to our environment, and in keeping with the City's goal of recycling all forms of solid waste, the City has collaborated with California Recycles, Inc., to oversee its cell phone recycling program. So far, cell phone drop-off containers have been placed at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Complex, Senior Center, Star ECO Station, Pacifico's, JJ Café, Conservatory, and California Star.

The City encourages its residents to properly dispose of their obsolete cell phones by participating in this new recycling program. Businesses located in Culver City who are interested in becoming a cell phone drop off site may do so by contacting California Recycles at 310-478-3001.

For a complete list of cellular telephone drop off locations, or for more information about the recycling program, visit the City's website at: [www.culvercity.org](http://www.culvercity.org), or call California Recycles at 310-478-3001.