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TERRACYCLE® AND THE PORT OF SAN DIEGO TO RECYCLE CIGARETTE BUTTS

The Port's First-Ever Program to Recycle Cigarette Waste

SAN DIEGO (April 19, 2018) – TerraCycle, the world's leader in the collection and repurposing of complex waste streams, announced today that it has joined forces with the Port of San Diego to collect and recycle cigarette butts. The Port has installed 31 receptacles in high foot traffic areas along the San Diego bay front, in front of bars, restaurants and office buildings throughout the tidelands where visitors, residents and employees can deposit their used cigarettes.

"We are thrilled to have an option for disposal and recycling of cigarette butts throughout the tidelands that will help keep our environment clean," said Port Board Chairman Rafael Castellanos. "The Port is a vibrant, highly-trafficked, picturesque outdoor area. Not only will visitors have an easy way to dispose of cigarette butts, they will know they are not going to a local landfill."

The cigarette butts will be collected from the receptacles by the Port and shipped to TerraCycle. When processed, the paper and tobacco is separated from the filter and composted. The filter is recycled into plastic pellets which can be used by manufacturers to make a number of products such as shipping pallets, ashtrays and plastic lumber.

“We are excited to be working with the Port to keep the tidelands clean and free of one of the most littered items on the planet,” said Tom Szaky founder and CEO, TerraCycle. “Through our recycling program, the Port of San Diego can now offer an option that ensures proper disposal of cigarette butts and provides an alternative to landfilling.”

TerraCycle has collected hundreds of millions of cigarette butts globally. Additionally, through its various recycling programs, it has engaged over 100 million people across 21 countries to collect and recycle more than four billion pieces of waste that was otherwise non-recyclable.

About TerraCycle

TerraCycle is the world’s leader in the collection and repurposing of complex waste streams, ranging from used cigarette butts to coffee capsules to ocean plastic. The waste is collected through free manufacturer-funded programs, as well as Zero Waste Boxes that are purchased by end users to recycle in homes, offices, factories and public spaces. The collected waste is turned into a variety of raw materials that are sold to manufacturers to produce new products. Each year, across 21 countries, TerraCycle collects and repurposes billions of pieces of waste, donating millions of dollars to schools and charities in the process. To learn more about TerraCycle or get involved in its recycling programs, please visit www.terracycle.com. To learn more about investing in TerraCycle US Inc., visit www.ownterracycle.com.

About The Port of San Diego

The Port of San Diego serves the people of California as a specially created district, balancing multiple uses on 34 miles along San Diego Bay spanning five cities. Collecting no tax dollars, the Port manages a diverse portfolio to generate revenues that support vital public services and amenities.

The Port champions Maritime, Waterfront Development, Public Safety, Experiences and Environment, all focused on enriching the relationship people and businesses have with our dynamic waterfront. From cargo and cruise terminals to hotels and restaurants, from marinas to museums, from 22 public parks to countless events, the Port contributes to the region’s prosperity and remarkable way of life on a daily basis.

Port of San Diego Cigarette Receptacle Locations:

- Shelter Island Park: At entrance to the Shelter Island fishing pier and at restrooms
- Spanish Landing Park: Attached to light poles at restrooms
- Harbor Island Park: At light pole in front of restrooms
- Port of San Diego Administration Building: At foot of pedestrian bridge, by employee parking lot
- America’s Cup Harbor: At restroom planter
- North Embarcadero: At San Diego Maritime Museum and along walkways near dock entrances

- Cruise Ship Terminal area: Outside public restroom on sign pole
- Commercial fishing area near Fish Market Restaurant: At light pole on the sidewalk near the USS Midway Museum and on light pole in front of USS San Diego Memorial.
- Tuna Harbor: Unconditional Surrender area in planter, and along the sidewalk near restroom
- Seaport Village: At foot of Chesapeake Pier
- Ruocco Park: Near parking lot at the end of Pacific Highway
- Embarcadero Marina Park North: Outside restroom
- Embarcadero Marina Park South: On light pole at entrance to fishing pier
- General Services/Procurement Offices: At staff break area
- Pepper Park: At fishing pier and outside restrooms
- Chula Vista Bayside Park: Near playground and at pier entrance
- Chula Vista Bayfront Park: At restrooms and at boat launch ramp
- Chula Vista Marina View Park: At restrooms

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