



# Neighbor To Neighbor

WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER



## Odor Management at Sunshine Canyon

The odor issue at Sunshine Canyon is complex, but we are committed to finding a solution. We look forward to working with the community, our site personnel, and other professionals to solve this issue.

There has been a lot of misunderstanding about why we want residents to call us. The fact is that our goal is the same as your goal: no odor in the community. We have invested in new technology such as a new weather station and computerized technology to help respond to odor complaints faster and improve our communication with you. YOU are important to us!

We encourage you to call us directly or our hotline number if you have concerns or would like any information on what we are doing at the site to address odors.

We also have upgraded our website and will put updates about Sunshine Canyon online instantly.

[sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)

## What's New at Sunshine Canyon Landfill?



Sunshine Canyon is committed to operating a safe, environmentally-sound landfill.

The team at Sunshine Canyon is committed to being a good neighbor. As part of that, we have embarked on several steps to improve our operations and eliminate odor. Those steps include:

- In September 2011, Sunshine Canyon applied for construction of a new permanent flare and will install a temporary landfill gas flare with implementation in February 2012
- Our temporary flare will operate while our permanent flare goes through a regulatory permitting process/construction

- Sunshine Canyon presented a master plan in December 2011 for improvements to our gas collection system
- Starting in mid December 2011, we began installation of 7-10 vertical gas collection wells per week in our existing fill area until the number of wells in master plan is reached
- Starting in mid December 2011, we began installation of 2-3,000 feet of horizontal collectors for the gas collection system each week until master plan goal is reached
- Odor controls will be used during these projects

We are committed to keeping you in the loop as we implement and complete landfill projects. Thank you for your patience and we encourage you to call us at 818-833-6500 if you have questions. If you detect odor, please call our odor hotline at 818-822-2835.

## A Message From Our General Manager: Giving Back to Our Community



David Cieply  
Sunshine Canyon  
General Manager

We're proud to be in Southern California! That's why Sunshine Canyon Landfill and our parent companies, Republic Services/Allied Waste, have always extensively supported the communities in the San Fernando Valley. Sunshine Canyon Landfill has contributed more than \$1 million to various local causes in the past five years, including the Hope Community Development, The Valley Family Center and the North Valley YMCA, and most recently \$200,000 to the Providence Holy Cross Foundation for the completion of their trauma unit at the Holy Cross Medical Center in January 2010.

Fees generated from waste brought into Sunshine Canyon Landfill also contributed \$1,267,500 to Los Angeles City and County Parks during 2011.

Odor Hotline:

818-822-2835

General Telephone Number:

818-833-6500

David Cieply, General Manager

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## What's That Green Stuff?

Some of you may have looked at Sunshine Canyon Landfill over the last month and wondered about the “green stuff” on the slopes. We are required by our Conditional Use Permit to apply a temporary hydroseed vegetation cover on any slope that will be inactive for longer than 180 days for erosion control. Hydroseeding is a process by which seed, water, fertilizer and fiber mulch are blended together in a tank and sprayed onto a surface. The wet fiber mulch helps create a bond to the soil and provides the seeds with a medium that retains water increasing the rate of seed germination. As the seeds begin to germinate, the fiber mulch will slowly decompose adding nutrients to the soil. The “green stuff” is simply a dye that allows the contractor spraying the hydroseed mixture to identify the areas that have already been sprayed. The dye fades over the course of a few days. Staff at Sunshine Canyon Landfill worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Environmental Services to develop an approved seed mixture for the site.



The picture above was taken in November 2011 at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and shows our temporary hydroseed vegetation cover, which is green in color.

### Sunshine Canyon Landfill Hotline Report

- Operational 24/7
- Call about landfill operational concerns
- Fourth quarter received 113 calls; 3 calls were to our hotline for odor complaints directly from residents, and 38 were from a SCAQMD inspector .

### Did You Know?

If you have a compliment, complaint, or concern, you can speak to a live person between the hours of 6 a.m.—10 p.m. Mon-Sat. 818-822-2835.

[sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)

There is a FREE S.A.F.E. center near you to dispose of your toxic waste (i.e. pesticides, fertilizers, paints, cleaners, anti-freeze, batteries, motor oil, oil filters, and electronic waste). Sun Valley—11025 Randall Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

For more information: 800-974-9794 or [LAstormwater.org](http://LAstormwater.org)

### Preserving Nature With Parkland

- **New Preserves and Parks:** Sunshine Canyon Landfill's parent company Republic Services has donated more than 900 acres of woodland and grassland areas around the landfill, creating numerous preserves and recreational areas:
  - **East Canyon:** Immediately west of Sunshine Canyon, dedicated 426 acres to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for permanent open space and park and recreational uses.
  - **Upper Bee Canyon:** Just south of Sunshine Canyon, bought 490 acres and immediately transferred ownership to the County of Los Angeles, which will transfer it to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for permanent open space, and park and recreation use.
  - **Multiple Canyons:** Granted approximately 80 acres of easements for hiking trails along the perimeter of Sunshine Canyon and in East Canyon, Bee Canyon, and Weldon Canyons. We also gave \$50,000 to the county to acquire trail access into East Canyon.

## Wings and Waste

You may not realize that birds are an important topic at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and keeping to our Southern California roots, we work with a firm that provides trained birds to the movie industry!

Our active bird control program is in place so seagulls and other birds do not become a nuisance. A falconer is on-site with the birds to manage their activity throughout the day. These birds – primarily hawks, falcons, and kestrels – will actively deter other birds from coming to the site. Most of the falcons used are relatives of the peregrine falcon common to North America. Females of the species are predominantly used due to their size.

The birds are trained on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill site to accustom them to the lay of the land, trucks and site activity. The birds fly solo on thirty minute shifts before being lured in to rest and feed, and replaced with another bird. The birds are bred in captivity and trained for this work. They are not hunting birds and are trained to fly to a lure. The falconer will keep the birds in their sight at all times, however if they do disappear they are fitted with radio transmitters so they can be found.

As you can see, Sunshine Canyon Landfill takes its responsibility to provide safe, environmentally-sound waste disposal seriously. If you would like to know more about the many steps we take to ensure sound landfill operations for Southern California, contact us today for a tour at 818-833-6500. We'll be glad to show you a little Sunshine!



**Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill**

As of December 31, 2011, Sunshine Canyon Landfill continues to operate six days per week. The combined city/county averages were approximately 9,000 tons per day Monday-Friday. Saturday waste volumes average approximately 3,000 tons due to reduced hours of operation.



A falconer is on-site with the birds to manage their activity throughout the day.

**Notices of Violation (NOV)**

Sunshine Canyon Landfill received ten Notices of Violation (NOV) for odor/nuisance during the period of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 (10/6, 10/7, 10/26, 11/8, 11/23, 11/28, 12/13, 12/14, 12/15, 12/20).

**Storm Water Controls**

There is a comprehensive surface water management system at Sunshine Canyon Landfill that includes perimeter and interior drainage channels, four permanent sedimentation basins and several temporary basins to remove sediment from surface water leaving the site. The site operates under the statewide General Industrial Storm Water Permit. That permit defines the rainy season as Oct-May, and Sunshine Canyon conducts additional monitoring of runoff quality during that time. Data is submitted annually to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Landfill Gas Monitoring**

The latest Rule 1150.1 Quarterly Monitoring Report was published in August 2011, and is available upon request.

The city side of the landfill had 10 out of 200 grids that showed surface sample results over 500 ppm Total Organic Carbon (TOC). The County side of the landfill had 8 out of 122 total grids that showed surface sample results over 500 ppm Total Organic Carbon (TOC).

These grid areas were repaired and the areas passed a 10-day re-check and/or the second 10 day re-check as allowed by the requirements of SCAQMD Rule 1150.1.

**Landfill Operations**

The below amounts were received for the 4th Quarter. The landfill continues to operate six days per week.

MONTH	Non-buried, recyclable and beneficial reuse material (tons)	Total Landfilled Material (tons)
October	7,398.99	195,170.28
November	4,922.13	193,420.62
December	9,712.84	201,311.31

**Groundwater Monitoring**

The Groundwater and Waste Disposal Monitoring Report for the First Semi-Annual Monitoring Period of 2011 (RWCQB File No. 58-076) was published in August 2011. The report can be found at:

[sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)



### Re-Vegetation and Tree Planting Status

As required by the City and County of Los Angeles Conditions of Approval, Sunshine Canyon Landfill continued to hydro-seed areas that are expected to be inactive for greater than 180 days. In the 4th quarter of 2011, work consisted of interim cover applications on temporary and construction slopes. Sage Mitigation areas on permanent slopes continued to be monitored and maintained. City side Oak tree mitigation is complete. County side Big Cone Firs, PM10 tree berm, and the experimental "Wind Berm" are still currently being monitored and maintained.

### Tours Are Available!

If you'd like to visit Sunshine Canyon Landfill, we offer tours. Just call Patti Costa at 818-833-6500 to arrange your visit.

Pictured to the right is a 7th grade class from Thomas Starr King Middle School who visited January 19, 2012.



### Resources & Information for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

14747 San Fernando Road  
Sylmar, CA 91342  
sunshinecanyonlandfill.com

**24-Hour Sunshine Canyon Landfill Hotline: 800-926-0607**

#### Mailing List:

To add or remove a name from our mailing list, to update your information, or to go paperless, please email:  
info@sunshinecanyonlandfill.com

#### Community Advisory Committee Meetings:

A joint city-county Community Advisory Committee has been formed and meets bi-monthly. The next meeting is March 1, 2012. Visit [sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com) for more information.

**SCAQMD 24-Hour Hotline**  
800-288-7664

**SCL Odor Patrol**  
818-822-2835  
6 a.m.—10 p.m.

**Sunshine Canyon Landfill LEA**  
8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., M-F  
213-252-3939

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