

Trash Collection a Problem in Most Cities

(The following comprehensive report on the collection and disposal of refuse in Torrance was prepared by City Manager George Stevens this week as the city opened a drive to clean up Torrance streets and to put an end to dumping of cans, garbage and other trash along the side roads of town.) The collection and disposal of

refuse of all types has become a major problem in the cities of Southern California. This is especially true in our own community.

As late as 1948, collection service for refuse on a regular basis was furnished to only the central section of the city. Occasional collections were made in the north and south sections of the community. The

street cleaning program provided regular service only to the downtown business and residential sections; the sweeping being performed by a man with a pushbroom. The first mechanical sweeper to modernize the program was purchased on Aug. 26, 1948.

Garbage and non-combustible rubbish, (tin cans and bottles) were collected and disposed of by a private contractor on a limited scale. Combustible refuse was collected by city forces and burned at the city's open dump, located on Plaza del Amo near Western Ave.

Today, twice weekly, collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse is extended to all residents of the city; daily, except Sundays, to the business district. City forces collect combustible refuse weekly in the residential districts and daily, except Sundays, in the business district. Our two mechanical motor-sweepers are in operation each week-day in some sections of the city. The business streets are swept six times each week. All of this service is furnished without special levy. Few cities in this area equal such service, none surpass it.

The city has purchased two modern motor-sweepers for cleaning the 180 miles of streets and alleys. Approximately 45 gutter miles are swept each day. The cost per mile, even at today's inflated prices, is less than one-half that of the hand-sweeping operations carried on just a few years ago. Sweeping service has been extended to all sections of the city. To keep up with the growth of the city and to maintain the standard of service established, a third sweeper must be purchased in the near future. As a vital part of keeping our city clean, the sweepers pick up hundreds of tons of mixed refuse each year.

As in the past, garbage and non-combustible refuse are collected by a private contractor. The very favorable contract provides this service at 25 cents per month for each residence or place of business.

To meet the ever-increasing demand for service by the thousands of new citizens moving into our community, each year the city, through its street department, has streamlined and mechanized its collection operation. The first packer-type refuse collection truck was purchased on Sept. 19, 1950, a second one added during the summer of this year. These units compact the refuse to allow greater capacity in each load, thereby greatly reducing the number of trips and time lost traveling to and from the dump. They also provide a closed, sanitary container for transporting the refuse along the city streets. Because these trucks are most conveniently loaded from containers and cannot take large limbs or branches, the citizens have been asked to cooperate by placing their refuse in containers and by cutting tree trimmings to lengths of not over six feet and tying them in bundles not over 15 inches in diameter. This cooperation enables rapid and efficient collection by city crews.

Burning Halted
Several years ago, the burning of combustible refuse at its dump located at Plaza del Amo near Western Ave. Cut-and-cover operations (burying) were then carried on at that location until the site was filled. The area will be used in the future for recreation purposes. In the summer of 1952 a 15-acre site, in the vicinity of Madrona Ave. and Del Amo Blvd., was purchased as a dump site, with the plan that it would be later used as a city yard and as the site of a municipal incinerator. If one is to be built, Operation of the dump at the new site was started in August. It has been found that all of the excess earth excavated from the pit can readily be sold at a favorable price to the city. In fact, the sale of sand and clay from the site may nearly repay the city its original investment in the site. This dump will take care of the city's needs for a number of years. When the operation is complete, all of the land will be fully utilized by the city for other purposes. It is located near the geographical center of our community.

Since open dump burning has been prohibited, the most economical method of disposing of combustible refuse is the open fill for the cut-and-cover method.

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which has been employed by the city. Current disposal costs to the city are considerably less than \$1 per ton. In even the most modern and efficient incinerators the cost for disposal by burning will amount to at least double this cost.

If the city is to continue its low-cost collection and disposal operation, the cooperation of all of our citizens is required. Some do's and don'ts to observe are:

- Place your garbage in suitable metal containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Place non-combustibles, tin cans, bottles, etc., in strong containers.
- Place combustible refuse in containers.
- Cut and bundle tree or hedge trimmings into bundles not over 6 feet in length and 15 inches in diameter.
- Always place containers in alley or at curb line on the evening before the day of pickup.
- Pick up garbage cans and refuse containers as soon after collection time as possible.
- Some Don'ts:
 - Don't mix garbage with other refuse.
 - Don't use containers which when filled will weigh more than 40 pounds.
 - Don't expect collection of rocks, sod, building materials, water (Continued on Page 15)

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