SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

The collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Wastes is a large and increasingly expensive function of the City of Newport Beach. The City will seek to minimize or recoup these costs by encouraging and promoting the development and use of solid waste resource recovery systems whenever possible.

Various resource recovery technologies are becoming more practicable and economically feasible as research and testing are stimulated by the rising costs of energy and the decreasing availability of conventional landfill disposal sites. Private industry is becoming more involved as the profit-making potential rises due to tax advantages, guaranteed markets, and proven technology. Recognizing that costs, technology, and siting require extensive further study, it shall be the policy of the City to encourage and promote the development of solid waste resource recovery systems in Orange County in order to conserve energy and defray the increasing expense of refuse disposal.

It shall also be the policy to encourage source reduction whenever possible. In all City purchases, consideration should be given to minimize packaging and packing and to utilize materials made of recycled products whenever feasible. Public awareness of source reduction through an education program that encourage purchases with minimal packaging/packing, offers recycling information, and demonstrates home composting techniques should be developed.

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