

# COUNTY GREEN COMMITTEE

# You're "Green" to Go



## CHECK YOUR NUMBER

With today's technology many car makers confirm automobiles can now maintain top performance with more time between oil changes. CalRecycle encourages people to look up the recommended oil change interval for their cars instead of defaulting to the old standard of 3,000 miles. It makes economic and environmental sense to "check your number" and be sure you are not changing your oil too soon, creating a waste of money and resources. Check [www.CheckYourNumber.org](http://www.CheckYourNumber.org) or your owner's manual to find the recommended time to change the oil on most 2000 or newer vehicles.

Check Your Number

0 0 0 0 0

Find the manufacturer-recommended oil change intervals for most vehicles (2000-2012).

Select Year

Select Make

Select Model

Let's Go!

**Fact** Take the first step & check the **CAR OWNER'S MANUAL** for your oil change interval.

Learn More

**Fewer oil changes = GOOD NEWS!**

Saves Time Saves Money Saves The Environment

More Good News!

Oil Change 500 miles



good things happen when you share

## Bike to Work Week - May 14 to 18, 2012

Bike to Work Week is an exciting and fun event which promotes cycling as a form of transportation. It celebrates those who bicycle commute throughout the year, promotes clean air, and supports environmentally friendly transportation options.

Commute Connection is hosting many events along with local businesses, sponsors and jurisdictions. Commute Connection will have several drawings with prizes totaling more than \$2,500, including six \$250 REI gift cards, three "Commuter Baskets" valued at \$250 each, and many more prizes and give-away items. Pledge to bike or walk to work by completing a Bike to Work Registration Form to be eligible for the drawings. Get more information at [www.CommuteConnection.com](http://www.CommuteConnection.com).



## Environmentally-friendly Tips for Washing Your Car:

Exercise environmentally-friendly practices when washing your personal vehicle.

1. Wash vehicles on grassy or gravel surface, using biodegradable, phosphate-free soap.
2. Divert water from entering storm drain by placing a rubber mat over the drain. The water can be left to evaporate or redirected to a landscape area.



## Green Car Wash Fundraiser

The "Green" Car Wash Program links local fundraising organizers with professional car washes to encourage environmentally-friendly car wash fundraisers.

Traditional parking lot car wash fundraisers often allow soap, dirt, grime, and automotive fluids to flow down the streets to drains that dump directly into rivers and streams. When this toxic sludge settles into waters where fish, wildlife, and plants live, it poisons them. Professional car wash facilities recycle water and do not dump dirty soap water down the storm drains to local waterways.

"Green" car washes are more profitable for fundraisers and are safe. They appeal to those who want to support local organizations, because they get their car professionally washed.

Get more information from your local car wash or County/City Public Works Department.