



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

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**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Community Cleanup and Compost Giveaway Event Update

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is informational only; receive and file report.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Banning has partnered with Waste Management as part of the solid waste franchise agreement to provide three free bulky item collection events for residential accounts per calendar year. In celebration of Earth Day, the City held the second of three bulky item collection events scheduled for this year on April 18, 2026, at Dysart Park, offering residents the opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted items including appliances, mattresses, green waste, e-waste, and other bulky materials. This event also offers residents paper shredding and the collection of household batteries.

This latest event welcomed 545 vehicles. An accumulation of 35.84 tons of municipal solid waste, 4.77 tons of green waste, 12.41 tons of white goods/metal, 1.78 tons of paper shredding, 3.37 tons of E-waste, and 7.68 tons of mattresses were collected over the duration of 5 hours. Waste Management collected a grand total of 65.85 tons of waste, of which 30.01 tons were successfully diverted from the landfill. Furthermore, six (6) 3.5-gallon containers of household batteries were collected during the event.

According to Waste Management's calculations, these recycling efforts resulted in the following benefits:

- Saved 150,280 kWh of electricity. Enough electricity to power 12 households for one year.
- Reduced GHG emissions by 5 metric tons. Equivalent to taking 4 passenger cars off the road for one year.
- Kept 6,736 lbs of solid Waste out of the landfill. The amount of trash generated by 4 households in one year.
- Kept 1,651 lbs of hazardous materials out of the environment.

In addition to the collection of bulky waste at Dysart Park, the City included a compost station, giving away free compost to the community. Twenty-Nine (29) residents obtained compost on the day of the event. Any unused compost that was not given away was disbursed and utilized on City properties throughout the community. Incorporating the free compost giveaway supports the City's compliance goals in achieving targets identified by the State and SB 1383 requirements to purchase and utilize organic waste materials. In all, Waste Management provided 18 tons of compost for the giveaway.

The event continues to support the City's Strategic Plan goals by helping keep Banning clean, safe, and environmentally responsible. Events like this improve quality of life for residents by reducing illegal

dumping, encouraging recycling, and providing convenient disposal opportunities for the community. In addition, the compost giveaway and landfill diversion efforts reflect the City's commitment to sustainability and efficient public services.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The City's Bulky Item Collection and Compost Giveaway events continue to be a success and provide a great service to our community. The events aid in keeping the community clean through reducing the amount of waste that may otherwise be illegally dumped throughout the City and its rights-of-ways. Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Event staff and material costs were funded by the Refuse fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [ATTACHMENT 1 Event Pictures 2.24.26.docx](#)