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Newsletter



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Recycle To Regain – Recyclables Collection Schedule

DulSCO Waste Management Services (WMS), known for its commitment to environmental issues and its innovative steps towards recycling, now has the 'Recycle to Regain' van that collects recyclables such as plastic, paper & cardboard and tins & cans. This not only prevents the degeneration of our surroundings by reducing the volume of waste that goes into landfills but also acts as a major economic contributor. Presently this service is provided only for residents and the communities to persuade them to take part in this initiative.

The van's visiting schedule is given below for the benefit of all WMS customers who can be ready with their recyclables segregated and ready to be loaded on to the van when it arrives. DulSCO hopes that all WMS customers understand the importance of recycling and will cooperate wholeheartedly in this venture. Requests for pick-ups at convenient locations can be considered dependent upon scheduling. Contact 800-WASTE (92783) for any requirements you may have.

Recyclables Collection Schedule			
Days	09.00 – 10.30	16.00 - 18.00	18.30 - 20.00
SAT		Bur Dubai (behind Baqer Mohebi)	Bur Dubai (Al Fahidi Street)
SUN		Karama (Opp Ibrahim Palace Restaurant)	
MON			
TUE	Palm Springs Village	11.00 - 12.00 Umm- Al Sequim	Dubai Marina (JBR)
WED		Karama (Opp Lulu Hypermarket)	
THU	Mirdiff Spineys	Ghusais (Behind Nehal Building)	

DULSCO IN NEWS

UAE's waste gets cyber treatment



Following the successful introduction and round-the-clock operation of the dedicated toll free number "800 – WASTE (92783)" to support enquires and all aspects related to the management of solid and liquid waste, DulSCO Waste Management Services (WMS) is taking customer service to new heights with the introduction of its latest Customer Contact Centre (C³ or C cubed) which went live in June 2009 in Dubai.

The primary objective of C³ is to streamline the WMS operations and raise the level of customer service even higher. C³ handles and takes ownership of all calls coming in on the 800 – WASTE (92783) line. These calls are placed in the to-be-attended to loop until any particular query is closed. C³ is also responsible for waste@dulSCO.ae, which is a new e-mailbox for handling customer queries and issues.

Vehicle Tracking System for WMS Vehicles

In 2006, Dulsco became the first waste management company in the UAE to fit its entire fleet of vehicles with satellite-based 24 hour tracking devices. In 2009 the system was upgraded with the latest technology to monitor locations closely in accordance with the latest UAE maps. Through this system, the Dulsco base station monitors and controls the use or misuse of company vehicles while also gauging their running costs. The system can see how fast a vehicle is going, pinpoint its exact position and see how much downtime it has every day.

The tracking system has met all the objectives it was intended for right from the onset. It enables WMS to smoothly maintain its operations functions, control costs and increase efficient utilization of its vehicles. It also facilitates the control of fuel consumption by checking the total kilometres travelled. Reports generated on a daily / monthly basis provide information on average km per trip, gallons per km and total km travelled by each vehicle.

The system monitors the vehicles and their drivers and thereby minimizes unnecessary use of the vehicles. If a driver is driving at high speed, he is alerted to slow down and in the event of an accident the tracking system allows monitors to know when and where it took place and the speed of the vehicle at the time. Keeping a check on the movement of the vehicles also allows the base station to know whether a vehicle actually visited its scheduled site.

Dulsco sets up branch in Sharjah

Dulsco, with a reputation for providing quality HR Solutions and Waste Management Services (WMS), has set up a branch office in Sharjah, with the aim of better serving both existing clientele in the emirate and new customers seeking Dulsco's services. Dulsco has set up the office in Sharjah intending to actively promote its business interests.

WMS of Dulsco comes with the business strength and experience of more than a decade in the waste management industry in the UAE. Collection, transportation and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous solid and liquid waste are the main services that Dulsco WMS Sharjah is currently providing various industry sectors, including companies based in the Ports and Hamriyah Free Zone, Industrial Areas, players in the Construction Industry and Employee Accommodation.

Awards

It has always been a Dulsco priority to recognize contributions and extend appreciation to employees striving for the best in this challenging yet positive work environment.

Employee awards

- SREENIVASAN PILLAI
- USMAN ALI
- NASIR RAZA AKBARI
- WELA THANTREEGE
- VAJIRA BOTHEJU
- AJAYKUMAR KIZHAKKE
- MALAYATH
- MUHAMMAD ARIF

Spot award

- CELESTE DALISAY PUNZALAN

QHSE ACTIVITIES IN WMS

Recertified with ISO Certification

Dulsco Waste Management Services (WMS) was the first waste management company in the UAE to become both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified. Now the re-certification process has been completed and WMS has proudly and well deservedly achieved ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004.

Health Surveillance Plan for Employees

WMS initiated a Health Surveillance plan to enhance the health of its employees by taking into consideration both their physical and mental wellbeing.

A wide range of medical tests are performed on all employees performing health critical jobs. Depending on the results, WMS then assigns them the job best suited to them. These tests are performed at periodic intervals to monitor the health of all employees.

Food Hygiene Campaign

Dulsco WMS recently concluded a comprehensive Food Hygiene Campaign targeting around 300 company personnel. The awareness program, which ran from August 13 until August 20, 2009, supported municipal initiatives throughout the UAE to enhance awareness of food safety and hygiene among employees.

H1N1 awareness

The number of cases of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) in the UAE has risen recently with the reopening of schools and the seasonal change as contributing factors. With this in mind, an 'Influenza A (H1N1) swine flu, pandemic preparedness plan' has been introduced. In addition various awareness programs have been carried out to educate the employees.

Green Initiative by the Government

ENOC and DEWA to focus on water usage

Emirates Business 24/7, 26 August 2009

In association with the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (Dewa), Emirates National Oil Company (Enoc) has launched an awareness campaign on reducing water consumption in Dubai. Posters on the importance of reducing water consumption will be put at Enoc/Eppco stations. Recent studies show that the UAE has one of the highest water consumption levels.

Printing on Non-bio plastic bags banned

Gulf News, 31 August 2009

A cabinet meeting chaired by the Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE, his highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum banned printing on non-bio degradable plastic bags. This initiative is in line with the Ministry of Environment's programme to reduce the use of non-biodegradable plastic products

Green body leads UAE to reduce eco footprint

Gulf News, 5 September 2009

The Emirates Green Building Council (EGBC) announced its revised vision and mission statements for the next five years with the aim of actively supporting the UAE in being one of the five global leaders in the reduction of the built environment ecological footprint by 2015.

The formation of the council was considered a milestone and is a break-through towards creating and maintaining a sustainable built environment and protecting the eco system in the UAE, which could become a model for the region to follow.

The built- environment refers to the man-made surroundings that provide the setting for human activity.

One million Trees Project in Dubai

Khaleej Times, 8 September 2009

Dubai Municipality plans to plant one million trees in the emirate as part of plans to improve the environment which sees a high output of waste material in the region. Dubai comes on the top of the world in waste material, as the volume touches 9,000 tonnes per day and there is an annual increase of waste with each person residing in Dubai responsible for 2.2 to 2.7 tonnes of waste.

New Technology

Rubbish: Solution to tackling climate change ?

Gulf Today, 1 October 2009

Converting the rubbish that fills the world's landfills into biofuel maybe the answer to both the growing energy crisis and to tackling carbon emissions, claim scientists in Singapore and Switzerland. New research published in Global Change Biology: Bioenergy, reveals how replacing gasoline with biofuel from processed waste could cut global carbon emissions by 80%.

THE OFFBEAT

Bottled water disappears from Australian Town



Khaleej Times, 27 September 2009

An Australian town pulled all bottled water from its shelves and replaced it with refillable bottles in what is believed to be a world-first ban.

Hundreds of people marched through the picturesque rural town of Bundanoon to mark the first day of its bottled water ban by unveiling a series of new public drinking fountains.

Shopkeepers ceremoniously removed the last bottles of water from their shelves and replaced them with reusable bottles that can be filled from fountains inside the town's shops or at water stations in the street.

Green Initiative by the Government

Fifty Abu Dhabi Schools go green

Gulf News, 12 September 2009

Fifty schools will work towards reducing their ecological footprint under an initiative designed by the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD). The Al Madaris Al Mustadama initiative, which means sustainable schools, will help schools in the emirate carry out "green audits" and take effective steps to reduce their ecological footprint. The participating schools will carry out a comprehensive green audit which will help gather information about the impact of the school on the environment. This is done by measuring several parameters, including the amount of electricity and water used and stationary requirements of the school. Accordingly, targets will be set for the school to achieve within a specified time frame.

Ministry launches major campaign against plastic

Gulf News, 14 September 2009

Ministry of Environment and Water launches an awareness campaign to enlighten the public about the health hazards caused by plastic bags called the "UAE free from plastic bags" campaign. A committee has been formed to discuss the criteria for future bags and a draft has been sent to manufacturers. A ban on plastic takes effect in 2012

Greenomics Protocol signed in Dubai

Khaleej Times, 4 October 2009

The Greenomics Protocol, an environmental guideline on business sustainability, was signed at the close of the LG Greenomics Conference 2009 on sustainable development and other environmentally responsible initiatives.

Dr Rashid Ahmed bin Fahd, UAE Minister of Environment and Water, signed the agreement with Zafar Adeel, director of the United Nations University International Network on Water, Environment and Health; Abdullatif Alsayegh, CEO of the Arab Media Group; and KW Kim, CEO of LG Electronics Middle East and Africa Regional Company.

The Greenomics Conference sought to find possible solutions to the many challenges facing industries in the UAE in creating sustainable business models and determining how to implement their solutions.

Qatar

Qatalum's vacuum sewerage deal awarded to Dubai's CCG

Emirates Business 24/7, 14 September 2009

Dubai-based Corodex Electromechanic, a part of Concorde-Corodex group (CCG) has won the contract to construct a vacuum sewerage system for the world's largest aluminium plant in Qatar.

On completion, the Qatalum Qatar Aluminum Company's smelter will be the largest aluminium plant ever constructed in a single phase. The plant is located at Mesaieed in Qatar, some 40km from Doha.

The project involves the design, supply, and supervision of the installation of the vacuum sewerage system, supplied by Roediger Vacuum GmbH.

Corodex has installed similar systems on Palm Jumeirah and Palm Deira in Dubai, for Al Raha Gardens in Abu Dhabi, and other locations in Middle East.

Vacuum sewerage systems are wastewater collection systems. An air stream generated by differential air pressure drives the wastewater toward a vacuum station where the vacuum is generated; the wastewater is collected and then pumped to a wastewater treatment facility.

RECYCLING

Ajman set to launch waste recycling plant

Emirates Business 24/7, 26 September 2009

Ajman Municipality and Planning Department is preparing to launch a waste recycling project. The station, which will recycle all types of waste, aims to start recycling 80 per cent of the emirate's waste immediately. In the second year it will increase its capacity to recycle 90 per cent. A specialised company will be selected to build the recycling station.

Adnec launches recycling effort

Gulf Today, 26 September 2009

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (Adnec) launched a recycling programme positioning itself as one of the most eco-friendly event venues. The programme will support an environmental agenda as well as the carbon reduction initiatives of Abu Dhabi Emirate. 5,000 kgs of paper, carton, magazine, plastic and aluminum can waste were recycled in the first month of operation

LIQUID WASTE

Sewage odours at International City to be eliminated soon

Gulf News, 3 September 2009

Environmental problems facing residents of International City will soon be solved after the phase one sewage treatment station in Jebel Ali began operation.

The recently launched first phase of the sewage treatment plant in Jebel Ali will take any overload from the Al Aweer Treatment Plant and the plant will restore its efficiency in a few months' time.

Clean-Up Drives

Ajman Starts Clean-up Operation for Eid

Khaleej Times, 8 September 2009

Ajman Municipality kicked off an intensified campaign aiming at cleaning roads and residential areas in Ajman as part of Eid preparations. Municipality workers have started to remove old furniture and abandoned vehicles that have been parked on the roadsides for a long time.

The Municipality's cleaning crews have intensified the cleaning of roads and streets, and gotten rid of garbage piled up by the residents.

Old furniture shops were instructed to remove their pieces that are scattered all over the roads.

Vehicles abandoned in the streets would also be confiscated.

Over 3,000 tons of rubbish collected in Al Ain during Eid

Khaleej Times, 26 September 2009

More than 3,000 tons of garbage was collected in Al Ain by workers of the Centre for Waste Management, Abu Dhabi, during Eid Al Fitr holidays

The workers ensured that the city of Al Ain was spruced up after a powerful storm uprooted trees and blew the roofs off some houses on the eve of Eid.

Al Khan Beach Clean-up

Gulf Today, 4 October 2009

More than 1,000 volunteers took part in a day-long clean-up drive covering the Al Khan beach area.

The initiative, with participation by members of government and non-governmental groups, was aimed at increasing public awareness and appreciation of the coastal environment of Sharjah.

Building on 'Because We Care,' the drive was a new initiative of Sharjah Museums Department (SMD), and the Sharjah Aquarium and Sharjah Maritime Museum. Manal Ataya, director general, SMD, said the campaign further builds on the popularity of Sharjah Aquarium and Sharjah Maritime Museum and the phenomenal interest of the public in marine life.

The event included recycling and drawing workshops for children.

Families that had unusual pieces of rubbish or collected the most rubbish, were rewarded.

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EXHIBITIONS & CONFERENCES

Life's Green Summit

Summit date: 3 October 2009

Consumer electronics company LG Electronics is holding the second annual "Life's Green" conference in Dubai on October 3. LG will be joined by the UAE Ministry of Environment and Water, the United Nations University International Network on Water, Environment and Health and an elite panel of business and environmental analysts and scholars.

World Future Energy Summit

Summit date: 18 – 21 January 2010



Abu Dhabi the global hub of renewable energy, will be the venue for the largest and most diverse gathering of world leaders, investors, policy makers, researchers, financial institutions, and experts dedicated to the sector. Discussions will explore the most pressing issues and industry developments of the day, covering everything from sustainable transport to green architecture, clean fuel and engine technology, through to green jobs and recruitment trends in the renewable and advanced energy industry.

AWARDS

Emirates Energy Award

Gulf Today, 3 October 2009

Dubai Quality Group launched its third session of the "Emirates Energy Award" under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.

The importance of this award lies in the daily indications of the energy consumption rate in all forms which has risen continuously and reflects negatively on the environment, economy and the implementation of development plans and programs in the country.