

El Segundo collects crayons for recycling

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Crayon recycling program

El Segundo. The city of El Segundo has teamed up with the National Crayon Recycling Program and Crazy Crayons to collect broken and unused crayons for recycling at several locations in the city.

Drop boxes are located at El Segundo City Hall, 350 Main St.; the El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave.; Whole Foods Market, 760 S. Sepulveda Blvd. in Plaza El Segundo; and Richmond Elementary, 615 Richmond St.

Organizers ask that wrappers be left on. "It's hard to sort the black, purple and blue crayons without wrappers. But we will accept all crayons for recycling, with or without wrappers," the site says.

The donated crayons are sorted, melted down, strained, sterilized and hand-poured into hand-crafted, multicolored crayons, called Crazy Crayons, which are available for purchase from the Web site www.crazycrayons.com. All purchases benefit the recycling program, the Web site says.

The program began in April 1993 with the

placement of a drop-off bin in the entryway of a grocery store. As of February, the crayon recycling program has collected more than 51,000 pounds of crayons, the Web site says.

If you cannot make it to one of the El Segundo drop-off locations, you can send your unwanted crayons to the Crayon Recycle Program, 721 Village Road, Pelican Lake, WI 54463. Postage rates apply.

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