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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Miami Beach Encourages the Public to Recycle . . . It's the Law!** *-- America Recycles Day is November 15, 2008 --*

**Miami Beach, FL** – The average resident discards nearly four and half pounds of waste each day resulting in more than three-quarters of a ton a year. In an effort to encourage the Miami Beach community to recycle and to buy recycled products, Miami Beach's Sustainability Committee, in coordination with the Miami Beach Public Works Department's environmental resource management and sanitation divisions, is commemorating America Recycles Day.

On Saturday, November 15, between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., representatives from the recycling industry, non-profit environmental organizations, and the City of Miami Beach will hold an informational expo at Euclid Circle on Lincoln Road.

Waste Management Inc. will provide information about the new single-stream recycling program Miami-Dade County will begin in early 2009, where residents will be able to place all recyclable materials into one container. SIR International Corp., an electronic waste (e-waste) recycler, will provide information about the environmental benefits of recycling electronic materials. The non-profit organization ECOMB will educate the public on the role of the community in recycling and the benefits recycling offers to the health of our local environment. The Surfrider Foundation will provide educational materials related to the protection of our beach and waterway resources. The Sustainability Committee volunteers and Environmental Division staff will provide educational materials about the City's recycling efforts, including the development of a pilot program for recycling in the Right of Way (ROW) areas.

In addition to the educational tables at Lincoln Road, the Sanitation Division in cooperation with Waste Management and SIR International will provide recycling drop off points at 75 Street and Dickens Avenue in North Beach and at Sixth Street between Meridian & Jefferson Avenues in South Beach. Residents can drop off electronics and commingled recyclables (office paper, magazines, cardboard, newspaper, plastic, metal, glass) at both of these two locations during the event times.

Miami-Dade County Recycling Ordinance No. 91-123 requires that all rental property owners and condominium associations provide recycling programs to their residents. Residents of Miami Beach who reside in a building with more than eight (8) units are required by to hire, by means of a contract, a private hauler for their regular trash pick-up, recycling and bulk pick-up. Single-family homes and buildings with eight units or less are already serviced by the County's recycling program on Wednesdays. Commercial establishments are also required to recycle.

For more information about America Recycles Day, contact Lisa Botero at 305.673.7080 or [lbotero@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:lbotero@miamibeachfl.gov).



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