# Lake Charles



A comprehensive guide for residents interested in a greener environment

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### INTRODUCTION

The City of Lake Charles Public Works Department is proud to present the new edition of the 2014 Green Guide. The Green Guide was established in 2007 to provide the citizens of Lake Charles a comprehensive booklet that addresses the proper ways to recycle, and the disposal of unwanted items. One of the city's main objectives for recycling is to reduce disposal costs and reduce the overall waste stream that goes into the disposal site.

The City of Lake Charles appreciates your interest in its recycling program and encourages area citizens to utilize the Green Guide as a tool to assist them in doing their part to reduce, reuse, and recycle unwanted items. This would make the Lake Area an environmentally greener and safer place to live, work, and play.

## RECTOLING



#### **At School**

It is easy for schools in the City of Lake Charles to recycle paper. For more information on how your school can recycle, please call the Department of Public Works Administration at (337) 491-1220.





Tires will not be picked up with your regular trash pick-up. Tires were banned from landfills in 1992, which is why the Solid Waste Division will not pick them up at your residence. There are two drop-off locations to properly dispose of tires. There is no charge. The tire drop-off program is sponsored by the Calcasieu Parish Public Works Division

#### Calcasieu Residential Solid Waste Convenience Center

1. East Maintenance Facility & Residential Solid Waste Convenience Center 5540 B Swift Plant Rd.

*Lake Charles, LA 70615* (337) 721-3700 Thurs – Mon, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- West Maintenance Facility 2915 Post Oak Rd. Sulphur, LA 70663 (337) 721-3750 Thurs – Mon, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Tires can be disposed of for free. However, there is a limit of 5 tires per person.
- Only passenger tires are acceptable.
- Tires on-the-rim are accepted at either location.
- For further details or to ask any questions, call Parish Public Works West Maintenance Facility at W. Main, 721-3750, 7:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

## Residential Solid Waste Convenience Center



The Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury offers a Solid Waste Convenience Center available to all Calcasieu Parish residents for free. You can find more information about this service by visiting their website at: http://www.cppj.net/index.aspx?page=1177. You can also scan the QR code located on the left-hand side of this page.

## THERULES

#### To operate the sites within regulations please follow these guidelines:

- You must be a resident of Calcasieu Parish
- A valid driver's license is required
- Residential Solid Waste only, please.
- Commercial and Industrial Waste is prohibited.
- Limit five tires per day/vehicle
- No medical waste
- Paint cans must be open and dried
- White goods (appliances) must be free of freon. Doors must be removed.
- Motors, tanks and cans must be drained
- No automotive or industrial oils, grease or antifreeze
- Animal carcasses must be reduced as much as possible, double bagged and tied
- All acceptable waste must fit in waste containers provided.

### CONSIDER REPORCEING WITH US

#### The Following items can be accepted for recycling:

- Aluminum cans
- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard
- Catalogs, magazines and phone books
- Chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.)
- Colored paper
- Computer paper
- Envelopes
- Newspapers and junk mail
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans

#### PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCESS:

- 1. Stop at guard house
- 2. Provide drivers license and requested information.
- 3. Please follow all instructions from attendants.
- 4. Please pick up any litter or debris that falls from your load.

An attendant will be present during all open hours to direct you. Anyone entering the collection site must stop at the attendant's booth and have their driver's license checked. This will help us to provide statistics about the type of waste and approximate volume of waste collected. This information will help the collection centers to better serve residents in the future.

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Other locations around town also accept used oil, batteries, and antifreeze (see the chart below for the locations and specifications).

- Oil and antifreeze must be kept free of other fluids.
- It's always a good idea to call the location listed before stopping by.
- Quantities listed represent the maximum amount allowed per customer.
- No automotive fluids should be mixed because it causes a problem for disposal.

#### USED OIL, ANTIFREEZE AND BATTERIES

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	OIL	ANTIFREEZE	BATTERIES			
Advanced Auto Parts	1101 Gerstner Memorial	436-0799	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Advanced Auto Parts	2119 Ryan Street	436-2929	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Advanced Auto Parts	3904 Ryan Street	474-6021	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Auto Zone	1300 E. Prien Lake Road	474-5758	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Auto Zone	2550 Medora Street	494-0 <mark>511</mark>	15 gal.	No	Yes			
Firestone	3465 Ryan Street	478-9 <mark>084</mark>	15 gal.	Yes	Yes			
Interstate Batteries	3042 Ryan Street	491-1966	No	No	Yes			
Jiffy Lube	1201 Hwy 14	439-6680	5 gal.	No	No			
Jiffy Lube (any auto fluids)	3503 Gerstner Memorial Dr	477-6028	5 gal.	No	No			
O'Reilly's Auto Parts	1400 E. Prien Lake Road	477-0665	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Precision Tune	3224 Ryan Street	436-2128	No limit	No limit	No			
Wal-Mart	3451 Nelson Road	474-2696	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Wal-Mart	2500 N. MLK Hwy.	436-3143	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Wal-Mart	3415 Hwy 14	477-0360	5 gal.	No	Yes			
Wholesale Battery Co, Inc	1608 Broad St	433-1794	No	No	Yes ◆			

\* This list is subject to change.

♦ No lithium or nickle cadium batteries

## REGIGLABLE ELECTRONICS



Several locations around town accept rechargeable batteries (examples: batteries for cell phones and wireless phones). We also accept at the Team Green Truck sites. See the listing below for locations and contact information. Call ahead to find out what types of batteries they accept. Single-use batteries cannot be recycled.

FREE:

RADIOSHACK Prien Lake Mall 540 W. Prien Lake Rd. 477-4063

RADIOSHACK 2669 Derek Drive Lake Charles, LA 70607 562-2709 Team Green Roving Truck City of Lake Charles 491-1220

Computers, Flat Panel TVA, Pulmers and Large Corfers



Webtronics 1306 Sampson St. Westlake, LA 70669 337-721-1969 \*Fees may vary

#### Televisions

Best Buy Please call ahead for information on items that are accepted. 715 W. Prien Lake Rd. Lake Charles, LA 70607 337-474-1196

Best Buy also have "Recycling Kiosks" at the front of every store where ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, CDs, DVDs, and PDA/Smart phones can be dropped off free for recycling.

\*\*\*Large televisions, stereos and large bulk electronics are limited to 3 per day.\*\*\*

### PROPANE BOTTLES

Look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under the heading Gas -- Propane for your nearest propane retailer.

Please call your nearest propane dealer regarding acceptance of USED PROPANE CYLINDERS and possible disposal fee.

Propane Retailers: Lake Arthur Butane 2329 E. McNeese St. Lake Charles, LA 70607 (337) 439-4051

## CREASE AND FATS DISPOSAL



Recently, City Employees have noticed grease build in the sewer main. This problem has been corrected. However, slow drainage or even back-ups may have been noticeable. As a public service to help prevent future inconvenience to you and your neighbors, the City asks you to remember these facts about grease and simple guidelines for taking care of our sewer:

1. Grease comes from butter, lard, vegetable fats and oils, and meat.

2. Fats and grease coat, congeal and accumulate on pipes, pumps and equipment and can obstruct lines.

3. Scrape used oil and grease into container for disposal to the trash. A rubber spatula or paper towels are great for this task.

4. Avoid placing fat trimmings in the garbage disposal and thereby into the sewer.

5. Be aware that by pouring grease (hot or cooled) into the sewer you (may) be in violation of the City's Sewer Ordinance.

By working together to eliminate grease and fats in our sewer we can reduce or eliminate sewer overflows and backups into homes, businesses, and streets.

For the following sewer complaints call 491-1224 on Monday-Friday, 6:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 491-1414:

Stopped up sewer line Sewer leak Broken sewer line Manhole cover off / broken

Cave-in / hole in yard or street Sewer odor Locate sewer <mark>lines</mark>

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To find out about recycling large quantities of waste motor oil, gasoline or other automotive fluids,

contact FCC Environmental 697 Hwy 167 Opelousas, LA 70570 1-800-960-6377

You can dispose of the following materials in quantities of 35 gallons or greater for a fee:

- Waste motor oil-free
- Antifreeze

Aaron Oil Company 206 Sandra St. Berwick, LA 70342 1-800-486-3105

- Used oil
- Diesel
- Absorbent Pads
- Oil Filters
- Anti Freeze
- Oily water
- Any petroleum related materials.

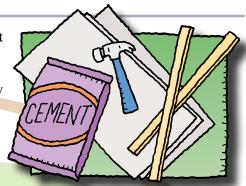
In some cases, materials may need to be tested before they are collected. Some of the materials on the list may not be ready for disposal until after several weeks.

Prices vary depending on product and amount, so call for information on charges and to schedule pickups.

## CONSCRUCTION DEBRIS

The City of Lake Charles, Solid Waste Division does not pick up any construction debris.

To properly dispose of any construction debris, contact any of the sites that are listed below.



The sites that accept construction debris for a fee are:

REPUBLIC 2500 Hwy. 108 South (Sulphur) (337) 882-1477

CHANEY WOOD WASTE DISPOSAL 1662 Miller St. (Moss Bluff) (337) 885-6496

TOMMASI (L.C.) 7124 Corbina Rd (337) 478-9799

**JEFF DAVID** 16157 Landfill Rd. (Welsh) (337) 734-4135

MCMANUS LANDFILL Old Town Rd. (337) 491-9993

Always call ahead before going to any of the sites listed above.

The following items are considered building materials:

- Soil
- Fencing
- Metal
- Roofing materials
- Sheetrock
- Concrete • Flooring tiles
- Ceiling tiles • Paneling

• Plaster

- Carpet
- Lumber

Also, other substances that may accumulate as a result of new construction, demolition, common repairs, remodeling, building operations, or as a result of clearing lost.

## WIITE COODS (APPLIANCES)



Residents in the City of Lake Charles that need to have an appliance picked up at your home, please wait until the day before you are scheduled, then call Public Works Administration (337) 491-1220. In most cases it would be helpful to also call the day of, just as a reminder. Put the appliance out in front of your house. Smaller appliances such as microwaves, blenders and toasters cannot be recycled – dispose of them with your trash.

Several locations will purchase metal scraps. Mostly metals with a higher value such as aluminum, brass, copper and stainless steel. Some of the businesses below may purchase other lesser-valued scrap metal. Call ahead to see if your scrap has a dollar value.

Cal-Cam Recycling, Inc 1225 N. 1st Ave Lake Charles, LA 70601 (337) 439-5475 Southern Scrap Recycling 901 N. 1st Ave Lake Charles, LA 70601 (337) 430-4600

White goods that contain refrigerants: The Clean Air Act prohibits knowingly venting ozone depleting refrigerants (ex. Freon) while servicing or disposing of air conditioning/refrigeration equipment. Examples of equipment are refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners, including other equipment that contains refrigerants. In order for the City to remove these items, the refrigerant must be removed.

The owner must have all aforementioned items removed at their expense.

## BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL CARBACE



Commercial establishments, institutions, and all other non-residential structures are required to contact one of the companies below for garbage and trash pick-up service.

REPUBLIC SERVICES 2500 S. Cities Service Hwy Sulphur, LA 70665 (337) 882-1477

PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS 6069 Farm Road Iowa, LA 70647 (337) 436-2161

PDI - PARISH DISPOSAL INDUSTRIES 5921 Swift Plant Road Lake Charles, LA 70615 (337) 721-9995 WASTE MANAGEMENT 536 Wesley St. Lake Charles, LA 70615 (337) 430-3040

SPS 2626 Hwy 397 Lake Charles, LA 70615

## RESIDENTIAL CARBACE COLLECTION

Single family homes, duplexes, and triplexes in the City of Lake Charles have curbside collection once a week.

- Place containers on neutral ground or within the premises immediately adjacent to the street the night before or by 7 a.m. the day of collection.
- Place containers within two feet of curb or edge of street in front of residence.
- No container should be placed on the sidewalk.
- Container must not be more than 96 gallons.
- Place all garbage into bags inside the container so the lightweight items don't fly away.
- Please keep the lids or covers for all containers secure to reduce access to the contents from insects and other scavengers.
- Containers must be removed from collection points within 12 hours after collection.

To learn more about the curbside garbage collection or to see a map of collection areas by day please visit City of Lake Charles website at http://www.cityoflakecharles.com and click on the Department of Public Works–Solid Waste Division link. For any questions, comments, or concerns about curbside garbage collection, please contact the Department of Public Works Help-Line at 491-1220.

#### Large, Bulky Items

Sofas, chairs and mattresses are considered "bulky items," which are picked up on your regular garbage day by SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – once per week in the City of Lake Charles. Other large items that do not fit into your garbage can will be picked up by SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT if they are properly prepared and packaged. For example, anything that is either bagged or boxed. The limbs must not exceed four feet in length, should not exceed 4 inches in diameter and must not weigh over 50 pounds.

## MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

#### Stericycle

2058 Frontage Rd. Jennings, La 70546 (337) 616-0694

Drop-offs not accepted. For more details, please call in advance.

## ENVIRONMENTAL OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Call the Environmental Quality Division to schedule anything below. Phone: 491-1440

#### What You Can DO=Hands On

Adopt-a-Spot: The City of Lake Charles and Team Green SWLA sponsor "Adopt-a-Spot" twice a year, once in March and once in October. At that time groups collect litter from the roadways of the city. In March 2010, 29 groups collected trash. For further details please see the Team Green calendar for exact dates or contact Team Green at (337) 491-1440.



- Adopt-a-Road: Calcasieu Parish sponsors "Adopt-a-Road". Groups, parish wide may sponsor a road and collect litter. For further information or to receive an information packet, please contact Dixie Fontenot at 721-3700.
- **Beach Sweep**: The City of Lake Charles and Team Green SWLA sponsor "Beach Sweep", an international event, on the third Saturday morning in September. Groups collect litter from the region's coast and inland waterways. Please call (337) 491-1440 for further details and upcoming dates.
- **Trash Bash**: The City of Lake Charles and Team Green SWLA sponsors "Trash Bash" in mid-April of each year at Chennault International Airport.
  - Items accepted include: scrap metal, oil & antifreeze, computer and other electronic devices, paint, batteries, miscellaneous trash and reusable items such as clothing and furniture.
  - Household hazardous wastes are not accepted unless specifically noted.
  - In 2010, over 475 cars contributed 489 tires, 136 automotive batteries, 1,580 gallons of paint, 550 gallons of used oil, 16 tons of scrap metal, 40 tons of miscellaneous waste.
  - For more information or to volunteer please call Team Green SWLA at (337) 491-1440.
  - Storm Drain Stenciling: The City of Lake Charles and Team Green SWLA are initiating a storm drain stenciling project parish wide, to help protect the lakes and rivers. This is an ongoing project and has no specific date or time. It can be adopted by any civil group or organization. For further details and information, contact Team Green at 337-491-1440.

#### **Educational Presentations**



The Department of Public Works offers environmental presentations for students of all ages in the classroom, as well as civic, scout or church groups. Any organization desiring to increase their knowledge and understanding of the topics listed below should call to schedule a presentation:

- Recycling
- Litter reduction
- Local water quality and pollution
- Mercury collection



## Team Green of SWLA and the City of Lake Charles Wastewater Division is pleased to announce the opening of a Residential Mercury Collection Site!!!

<u>Household</u> items listed on this flier will be accepted for proper disposal and recycling at the Wastewater Division, 1132 W. 18th St., Lake Charles.

## Every Friday, 9am - 2pm.

Remember to store items in a safe manner to limit opportunities for breakage (many of these items, when broken, release mercury vapor into the air).

The items on this list should NEVER be placed in your household garbage, as they present dangers to your family, sanitation workers and the environment.

Questions? Contact Wastewater Pretreatment, 337-491-1450 or 337-491-9185.



PRODUCTS	SAFE STORAGE STEPS
Thermometers silver liquid in tube	<ul> <li>Place in:</li> <li>1. Hard plastic case of bubble wrap</li> <li>2. Zip=top bag or other air- tight container</li> </ul>
Thermostats all-non electronic	Entire device into: 1. Hard plastic air-tight container OR 2. Bubble wrap & zip-top bag
Lamps Fluorescent, high intensity discharge (HID), neon mercury vapor, high pressure sodium and metal halide	Unbroken bulbs into: 1. Boxes that the new bulbs came in OR 2. Bubble wrap & zip-top bag (if small)
Old Alkaline Batteries Bought before 1990. Check expiration date.	Safe to handle if not leaking, place in: 1. Zip-top back OR 2. Air-tight container
Chemistry Sets may contain mercury compounds	<ul> <li>All containers:</li> <li>1. Seal lids tight</li> <li>2. Hard plastic case or bubble wrap</li> <li>3. Zip-top bag or other air- tight container</li> </ul>
Vials of Jars of Mercury, Sometimes on Necklaces Small containers of mercury used for ceremonial purposes. May be found in basements or garages.	Unopened, unbroken containers: 1. Bubble wrap 2. Zip-top bag or other air- tight container

## LOGALERN/IRONMENFEAL RECULATION ENFORCEMENT



To help provide a better environment and quality of life for all citizens, the City of Lake Charles has instituted local ordinances concerning such issues as those listed below:

- Tall grass
  - Construction debris
  - Litter and trash
  - Noxious smoke and fumes
  - Illegal dumping and waste disposal
  - Open burning
  - Rodent infestation
  - Miscellaneous and other public nuisances

To find out more information or to report a potential violation, please contact the Department of Public Works at (337) 491-1220. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Lake Charles a clean and beautiful place to live.

#### **Stormwater Quality Pollution Sources**

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a stormwater system that leads directly to local waterways including the Lake Charles River. Anything that enters a stormwater system is discharged untreated into the waterways we could use for water activities including boating, fishing and swimming. If you observe any of the following activities and wish to report them, please contact the Department of Public Works.

Potential Stormwater Quality Pollution Sources:

- Chemical spills
- Improperly dumped or disposed of hazardous wastes
- Improperly treated sewage flowing into a ditch or coulee
- Sediment-laden stormwater flowing from an active construction site
- Suspicious liquids flowing into a ditch, coulee, or bayou from an outfall pipe
- Illegal dumping of chemicals into storm drains or gutters



To find out more information on what each citizen can do to improve local water quality, please contact the Department of Public Works at (337) 491-1220. Thank you for your efforts in protecting Lake Charles' valuable water resources.

NO PROBLEM IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL. For any disposal needs that are not addressed in this publication, call the City of Lake Charles Public Works Administration Office at 337-491-1220.

## CIFT WOOD WASTE FACILIFY

**4331 E. BROAD ST** 337-491-1399 OPEN MONDAY--FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. No smoking at the Wood Waste Facility. Fire hazard.
- 2. Obey all dumping directions given to you by the City Wood Waste
- 3. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the Wood Waste Facility.
- 4. Posted speed limit is 5 mph. the City will not be responsible for any damage caused by speeding or carelessness in the facility.
- 5. All vehicle will be visibly inspected for unacceptable items.
- 6. All open vehicle hauling trash must have a cover to prevent littering on the City streets and highways. (City Ordinance Sec. 9-22)

Concrete

Metal Products

**Rubber** Products

Electric Motors Insulation Material

Decayed Refuse

Hazardous Waste

**Unacceptable Items** 

Animal or Vegetable Waste

Carpet, Mattresses, Clothing

#### Acceptable Items

- \* Grass Cuttings
- \* Leaves & Pine Needles Vines
- Tree Limbs Bamboo
- \* Paper Products Unstained/Unpainted Lumber

#### **Recycled Items Accepted**

Used Motor Oil \*Plastic #1 & #2 \*Tin and Aluminum

(\* means must be bagged or boxed)

#### **FEES**

City residents can bring trees & tree trimmings up to 18 inches in diameter, boxed paper, and unpainted or unstained wood products......No Charge

The width X the length X the height divided by 27 is the formula used to calculate the yards. .

BOXED PAPER / BOXED RECOR	D:	 	
Box measurement is 24" X 18" or le	ess.		

#### Vegetative Debris:

Cars			\$5.00
P/U Trucks			
Flat-bed/Dump Truck			
Trailers			-
10ft - \$31.00	18ft - \$56.00		
12ft - \$37.00	20ft - \$62.00		
14ft - \$43.00	24ft - \$74.00		
16ft - \$49.50	30ft - \$93.00		
There will be a \$10.00 charge for	overloaded vehicle	s or trailers.	

Painted/Stained Lumber Solid Kitchen Refuse Appliances Bottles Paneling Styrofoam Roofing

## CIFT PUBLIC WORKS DEPAREMENT ON THE WEB

Please visit the City of Lake Charles Department of Public Works website at www. cityoflakecharles.com and click on the following links for more information

#### Administration

View our mission statement and read a brief overview of the entire division.

#### Code Enforcements

Learn about local environmental codes and garbage collection as well as frequently asked questions.

#### Regulatory Compliance

Learn more about state and federal environmental requirements for local governments and water quality education opportunities.

#### Recycling

Learn about local recycling programs, educational opportunities and brief history of recycling in Lake Charles.

#### Citizens' Guide to Understanding Stormwater

Learn about local storm water quality and how each citizen can participate in improving our local water quality and resources.

#### Environmental Education and Outreach

View educational and tour opportunities, as well as programs where everyone can participate in improving the environment of the City of Lake Charles.

#### **Curbside Collection Maps**

Type in your address to see when curbside garbage, yard waste, white goods, appliances, and recycling collection is in your area. Also view a map of recycling drop-off points in City of Lake Charles.

Thank you for your participation in all of our programs and everyone's efforts in improving the environment and quality of life for all City of Lake Charles residents.



# GREEN TRUCK Recycling Schedule

MONDAY: WEDNESDAY: THURSDAY: SATURDAY: SATURDAY: Wal-Mart- North Hwy 171 Kroger- 12th St. K-Mart- Ryan & Sale Rd Wal-Mart- HWY 14 Prien Lake Mall

9AM- 3:45PM 9AM- 3:45PM 9AM- 3:45PM 8AM- 9:30AM 10AM- 3:45PM

## **ITEMS ACCEPTED**

Aluminum cans (bagged) Tin cans (bagged) Cell phones Bills Telephone books Boxes Plastics- No. 1 & 2 (limited amount) Computer paper Envelopes Shredded paper Magazines Used ink cartridges\* Newspapers Used laser cartridges Cardboard

\*For a detailed list of accepted cartridges, contact Team Green of SWLA.

City of Lake Charles, LA



Department of Public Works



## **RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER** WOOD WASTE FACILITY 4331 E. BROAD STREET 8AM to 4PM, Monday thru Friday (Closed on Saturdays & Sundays)

No plastic items will be accepted that have not been rinsed clean.

# ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Paper products Aluminum cans (bagged) Plastic #1 & #2 only (bagged) Tin cans (bagged) Used ink cartridges\* Used laser cartridges\* Old cell phones Phone books Fluorescent bulbs

\*For a list of acceptable cartridges please call Team Green at 491-1440.

City of Lake Charles, LA



**Department of Public Works** 



## **RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER** Alma Lane - Nelson Ball Field 8AM to 3:45PM, Monday thru Saturday, 9AM to 3:45PM on Friday. (Closed on Sundays)

No plastic items will be accepted that have not been rinsed clean.



\*For a list of acceptable cartridges please call Team Green at 491-1440.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see the City of Lake Charles' website—www.cityoflakecharles.com or call the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the Director of Public Works at (337) 491-1220, or call the Title VI Coordinator at (337) 491-1440.