



**City of Phoenix**

## **Receives “Environmental Award for Outstanding Achievement” from EPA – Region 9.**

The city of Phoenix has earned a prestigious Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Pacific Southwest Environmental Award for Outstanding Achievement for its coordination of the “Bag Central Station – Where Plastic Bags Belong” program and for its continued efforts with its mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. Awards were distributed at the EPA – Region 9 headquarters in San Francisco by U.S. EPA acting Regional Administrator Laura Yoshii, on Thursday, April 16.

The Pacific Southwest’s Environmental Awards program acknowledges commitment and significant contributions to the environment in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Pacific Islands and tribal lands. Forty groups and individuals were selected from over 200 nominees received this year from businesses, local government officials, tribes, media, environmental organizations and community activists. Phoenix’s award was one of four awarded to entities in Arizona.

The Bag Central Station- Where Plastic Bags belong is a partnership spearheaded by the City Of Phoenix with Arizona Food Marketing Alliance (AFMA) where residents can now conveniently recycle plastic bags at any grocery store within the city of Phoenix and not in their blue Phoenix Recycles bins where plastic bags can damage recycling processing equipment. For more information visit [www.bagcentralstation.com](http://www.bagcentralstation.com)

For twenty years, the City Of Phoenix has provided household hazardous waste collection events at locations throughout the City Of Phoenix. Every month, except in the extreme heat in the summer, Phoenix residents can bring batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, electronics, appliances, tires, shredded paper and plastic bags for proper disposal rather than in landfills, or worse as illegal dumping in alleys and storm drains. For more information on the program and the date/time of the next collection event, visit [www.phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks)