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Take Metro to Community Clean Up Days Oct. 11, 18

Angelenos interested in helping keep their city clean can take Metro Buses to two community Clean Up Days hosted by the Department of Public Works Saturday, Oct. 11 and 18.

The Oct. 11 clean-up event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting from Eastman Avenue Elementary School, 4112 E. Olympic Boulevard in East Los Angeles. The school can be reached via Metro Bus 66 (corner of Eastman Avenue & Olympic Boulevard).

The following Saturday, Oct. 18, the clean-up event will take place at 9 a.m. in Vincent Park in Inglewood. The park can be reached via Metro Bus 40 (corner of Centinela Avenue and Warren Lane).

All clean up volunteers will receive free t-shirts, refreshments, goodie bags and a certificate of appreciation for doing their part to keep L.A. clean.

The Department of Public Works has launched a public education program that raises awareness about what people can do to prevent pollution and keep local waterways clean. Nearly 100 million gallons of contaminated water and debris flow through the L.A. County storm drain system each dry day.

MTA is also doing its part to clean up L.A. via its Metro Clean Program. In operation since 1995, the program works every day to help keep Metro Bus facilities and surrounding areas clean for the region's public transit customers. In the 2003 fiscal year alone, Metro Clean work crews cleaned up 48,061 bus stops, 32,237 buses, pressure washed 541 bus terminals, and removed 43,117 bags of trash from the streets of Los Angeles.

For additional trip planning information, visit the MTA Web site at WWW.MTA.NET or call 1 (800) COMMUTE.

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