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# A Cleaner, Greener Inglewood

Are you tired of seeing trash, debris, and bottles or cans discarded in public right-of-way around the City? Well, the City has increased its action to lessen this negative impression. Inglewood is serious about the environment, neighborhoods, and preservation of the community.

Under the direction of the Public Works Department/Environmental Services Division, the Community Services Inspector Unit has been created to ensure environmental compliance, which will mean a cleaner, greener Inglewood. Unequaled by any other municipal program in the South Bay, the CSI Unit is a highly visible and positive addition in the community.

The CSI Unit monitors, inspects, and enforces public compliance of the City's environmental, recycling, and diversion programs, specifically greenwaste and recyclable commodities. Federal, state, and local regulations governing health and safety, sanitation, and disposal practices, construction and demolition processing within and immediately surrounding City park areas,



*Chris Marsiglia, Kenneth Henderson, and John Howell (left to right) are members of Inglewood's Community Services Inspector Unit.*

and fixed facilities will be a major focus.

To those who care about the City and its positive image, the friendly, green-clad members of the CSI Unit will be a welcome reminder to "do the right thing," related to the preservation of all that is beautiful in Inglewood.

With use of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), the CSI Unit can contact and interact with the public up close and personal. As fitness enthusiasts, park users, business owners, visitors, and others go about their active daily routines, the CSI Unit is on the job to provide information and reminders that will help the public learn about proper disposal practices, serving as liaisons with the City's waste hauler for trash removal and other related services.

Inglewood's CSI Unit also provides information and assistance to the public through meetings and other community events and activities.

If you have questions or to schedule the appearance of the CSI Unit, contact us at 310-412-8622.

Bajo la dirección del Departamento de Obras Públicas/División Servicios Ambientales, se ha formado la Unidad de Servicios de Inspector para la Comunidad (CSI) con la finalidad de vigilar que se obedezcan las reglas para el ambiente y poder tener un Inglewood más limpio y más verde. La Unidad CSI proveerá información y memos para ayudar al público a aprender acerca de la manera correcta de tirar la basura, sirviendo como agente entre las compañías de basura de la ciudad y los otros servicios. Los amigables miembros de la Unidad CSI andarán por toda la ciudad. La Unidad CSI de Inglewood también proporcionará información y ayuda al público en reuniones, eventos y actividades de la comunidad.

Si tuviera alguna pregunta o quisiera concertar una cita para una presentación por la Unidad CSI, llámenos al 310-412-8622.

## We need your help!

### The Green Cart Is for Greenwaste ONLY!

You have three carts for household discards: green for green and yard waste, blue for recycling, and black for trash. All green/yard waste should go into the green cart. All of your recyclables can be mixed together in the blue cart. And mixed trash goes into the black. It's really that simple.

In spite of having these three easy "sorts," we are still finding a lot of contamination in the green carts. The greenwaste cart is for grass, weeds, green plants, tree limbs, wood



chips, dead plants, garden trimmings, and leaves. These are the ONLY materials that you should place into your green carts. Please, do NOT place any trash or recyclables into the green carts. And, please, NO PLASTIC BAGS. Place loose greenwaste into the cart.

Please don't mix palm fronds or yucca plants with your other green/yard waste. Palm fronds and yucca plants can damage equipment at the composting center. Please cut up the palm fronds and dispose of them in your black trash cart.

Usted tiene tres botes para los desperdicios de su hogar: el verde para la basura del jardín, el azul para la basura reciclable, y el negro para la basura general. Toda la basura de su jardín deberá de colocarse en el bote verde. Toda la basura reciclable deberá ir en el bote azul. El resto de la basura deberá de ir en su bote negro. ¡En realidad es así de sencillo!

Los botes para la basura del jardín son para el pasto/grama, las malas hierbas, las plantas verdes, poda de árboles, ramitas de madera, varitas, plantas muertas, poda de arbustos y hojas. Estos son los UNICOS materiales que deben terminar en su bote verde. Por favor, NO coloque ningún otro tipo de basura o artículos reciclables en el bote verde. ¡Ah, y por favor, tampoco eche bolsas de plástico! ¡Únicamente incluya desperdicios del jardín!

Por favor no incluya las hojas/follaje de palma o ninguna planta de yuca con los desperdicios del jardín. Disponga de ellos en el bote negro con el resto de la basura.

**The City of Inglewood kicked off its new Community Tool Box program, and unveiled the Tool Box vehicle, at the Darby Dixon Community Cleanup in April. At this one-day event, residents picked up 2.5 tons of trash. The Tool Box vehicle, which is equipped with garden tools, shovels, rakes, portable trash containers, and more, can be reserved by neighborhood groups planning cleanups. City staff delivers the Tool Box vehicle to the site on cleanup day. For more information about scheduling the Community Tool Box, call 310-412-5333.**



**La ciudad de Inglewood lanzo su nuevo programa Community Tool Box (Caja de Herramientas de la Comunidad) durante el programa de limpieza de la comunidad de Darby Dixon en abril. Para recibir información acerca de como separar fecha para que este programa participe en su próximo evento de limpieza, llame al 310-412-5333.**

# 10 TIPS *for a* Healthier Home

The chemicals that you use in and around your home affect your budget, your indoor air quality, your family's safety, and our hazardous waste disposal programs. As you clean, maintain, and improve your home, think about the air you breathe and the water we share.

1. Read the labels on household cleaners and garden chemicals. Look for "signal words." Signal words tell you how hazardous the product is to humans. Here's what you need to know: "Poison" means highly toxic. "Danger" specifies that the product is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic. "Warning" indicates a moderate hazard. "Caution" denotes a mild to moderate hazard. Seek products with the "lowest" signal word, *caution* or *warning*.
2. Buy only the amount you need! Know how much product it will take to do the job and only buy that amount. It is better to make a second trip to the store than to have to dispose of large quantities of a hazardous chemical at a special collection location.
3. Follow instructions on all chemicals carefully. When you are required to mix a chemical with water, don't guess or dump. Measure the amounts as directed. Dedicate a set of measuring spoons and a measuring cup to use with household or garden chemicals. Between uses, be sure to triple-rinse (flush three times with water) your measuring spoons or cups.
4. Store chemicals safely. Children and pets can easily be poisoned or injured by improperly stored chemicals. Be sure to keep all chemicals away from sources of heat, including sun shining into a garage or shed window. The same goes for rags!
5. Consider "home remedies." For instance, cooking oil is useful to remove adhesive price tags from jars, mugs, and dishes. Vinegar, baking soda, and soap can be effective cleaning agents. For "recipes," look for books about "natural cleaning" at the library or search for "Recipes for Natural Cleaners" on the Internet.
6. When you paint, choose latex. Latex is water-based for easier cleanup—and doesn't require disposal as hazardous waste. Better yet, choose latex without volatile organic compounds (VOCs). VOCs contribute to the formation of indoor and outdoor air pollution. If you have questions about disposing of unneeded latex paint, call us.
7. Weed; don't spray. In addition to reducing your use of pesticides and eliminating hazardous waste, you'll also be improving your muscles and enjoying the fresh air.
8. When it is time to replace your light bulbs, choose compact fluorescents. They use less energy and last much longer, creating less waste. (Compact fluorescents do contain mercury. So they do require special disposal when they burn out. Call us for details.)
9. Purchase paper products, such as toilet paper, made from recycled paper. (If you buy paper napkins or paper towels, look for recycled-content paper in those, too!)
10. Check out library and Internet resources. Learn some quick and easy steps to a healthier home.

## 10 Consejos para un Hogar Más Sano

Los productos químicos que usted usa alrededor de su hogar afectan su presupuesto, el aire de su hogar, la seguridad de su familia y nuestros programas de desecho de sustancias peligrosas.

1. Lea las etiquetas de los productos de limpieza del hogar y de los químicos del jardín. Ponga atención a las "palabras claves" que indican lo peligroso del producto para el ser humano. Esto es lo que necesita saber: "Poison" (veneno) significa que es altamente tóxico. "Danger" (peligro) quiere decir que el producto es altamente inflamable, corrosivo o tóxico. "Warning" (alerta) indica que es moderadamente peligroso. "Caution" (precaución) indica puede ser de leve a moderadamente peligroso.
2. ¡Compre solo la cantidad que necesite, o sea, la cantidad indispensable para hacer el trabajo!
3. Siga cuidadosamente las instrucciones de los productos. Cuando se requiera que mezcle el químico con agua, no adivine y desperdicie. Siga las instrucciones exactas de la medida que se requiere.
4. Guarde los productos químicos en un lugar seguro. Los niños y las mascotas pueden envenenarse o lastimarse fácilmente cuando se dejan los productos a la mano. Asegúrese de mantener todos los productos químicos alejados de fuentes de calor.
5. Considere "remedios caseros." Por ejemplo, el aceite de cocina es útil para remover la goma de las etiquetas de frascos, botellas y platos. El vinagre, el polvo de hornear y el jabón son excelentes para limpiar. Para encontrar "recetas" busque en la biblioteca libros sobre "limpieza natural" o consulte el Internet buscando bajo el término "Recipes for Natural Cleaners."
6. Cuando pinte use pinturas de latex. Las pinturas de latex tienen una base de agua y hacen la limpieza más sencilla—y además no es necesario desechárlas con las sustancias peligrosas del hogar.
7. No vierta aerosoles en su jardín sino saque a mano las malas hierbas de raíz. Además de reducir el uso de pesticidas y eliminar basura peligrosa, también mejorará sus músculos y estará disfrutando del aire libre.
8. Cuando sea tiempo de reemplazar los focos, escoja los fluorescentes compactos. Además de que usan menos energía y duran mucho más, disminuyen la basura. (Estos focos fluorescentes compactos contienen mercurio de manera que requieren un manejo especial cuando se funden. Llámenos para darle instrucciones al respecto.)
9. Compre productos hechos con papel reciclado tales como toallas de papel.
10. Investigue los recursos que tiene a la mano, ya sea en la biblioteca o a través del Internet. Aprenda algunos pasos rápidos y sencillos de tener un hogar más saludable.

## Healthy Home Resources

Center for a New American Dream  
[www.newdream.org/clean](http://www.newdream.org/clean)

Debra Lynn Dadd, "The Queen of Green"  
[www.debraslist.com/](http://www.debraslist.com/)

Earth Easy's Guide to Living at Home with the Earth  
[www.eartheasy.com/live\\_menu.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_menu.htm)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Do's and Don'ts Around the Home"  
[www.epa.gov/owow/nps/dosdont.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/dosdont.html)

Green Seal  
[www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)

LivingHome, an online magazine  
<http://library.livinghome.com/Cool-Tools/>

Project Laundry List  
[www.laundrylist.org](http://www.laundrylist.org)

The Seventh Generation "Guide to a Toxin-Free Home"  
[www.seventhgeneration.com/living\\_green/toxin\\_free.php](http://www.seventhgeneration.com/living_green/toxin_free.php)

*Better Basics for the Home: Simple Solutions for Less Toxic Living*  
By Annie Berthold-Bond, Three Rivers Press, 1999

*Naturally Clean: The Seventh Generation Guide to Safe & Healthy, Non-Toxic Cleaning*  
By Jeffrey Hollender, Geoff Davis, Meika Hollender, New Society Publishers, 2006



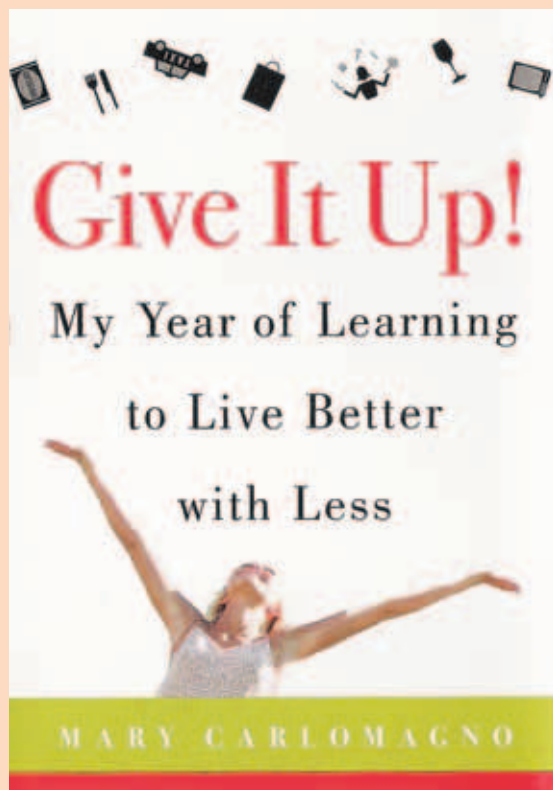
*These "leading ladies" from Biocorp sported biodegradable plastic evening gowns at a Hollywood event. Research and development continue on how to make crops such as corn into biodegradable plastic and how best to compost this plastic, which is known as PLA (polylactic acid). For more information, visit the Biodegradable Products Institute website, [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org). (Photo Courtesy of Biocorp, [www.biocorpaavc.com](http://www.biocorpaavc.com))*

*Estas "primeras damas" de Biocorp lucieron trajes de noche hechos de plástico biodegradable en un evento en Hollywood. La investigación y desarrollo continúan para encontrar técnicas que conviertan cosechas, tales como el maíz, a plástico biodegradable y encontrar la mejor manera de desintegrar dicho plástico, conocido como PLA (ácido poli láctico). Para mayor información visite la página de Internet del Instituto de Productos Biodegradables, [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org). (Foto cortesía de Biocorp, [www.biocorpaavc.com](http://www.biocorpaavc.com))*

## What could you live without?

When I set out to write this book, my intention was to eliminate unnecessary facets of life, in essence to determine what I could live without.

Mary Carlomagno  
“Introduction,” *Give It Up!*



What could you live without? After being hit on the head by boxes of shoes falling from her overfilled closet shelves, author Mary Carlomagno set out to answer this question.

Each month for a year, she gave up something that she valued—something whose sacrifice created for her “a personal and significant ‘ouch’ factor.” Her choices were personal—coffee, reading the newspaper, television, eating out. But the lessons she learned can teach us some things about our own wants and needs.

During the summer, you may take some time off or you may have a different routine. Use some of this time to think about what you could live without. What possessions do you value and which just create clutter? Do you have habits that cost money and create waste?

While setting out to give up something every month for a year may seem daunting, try giving up one of your favorite “wants” for a week or a month. See what you learn about yourself.

## ¿De qué cosas puede prescindir en su vida?

Después de haber sido atacada en su retacado vestidor por las cajas de zapatos que cayeron sobre su cabeza, la autora Mari Carlomagno se dio a la tarea de responder esta pregunta.

Cada mes por un año, se deshizo de algo que ella valoraba—algo que realmente representaba un sacrificio para ella, “algo personal y significativo” a lo que le dolía renunciar. Las lecciones que aprendió pueden enseñarnos algo sobre las cosas que queremos y las que realmente necesitamos.

¿De qué cosas puede prescindir en su vida? ¿Cuáles de sus pertenencias realmente valora y cuáles sólo se amontonan? ¿Tiene hábitos que cuestan dinero y producen desperdicio?

Aunque renunciar a algo cada mes por un año parezca irrealista, procure renunciar a alguno de sus “caprichos” favoritos por una semana o por un mes. ¡Se sorprenderá de lo que puede aprender acerca de usted mismo!

Lea más acerca de las experiencias de Mari Carlomagno en su libro “*Give It Up! My Year of Learning to Live Better with Less*” (William Morrow, 2006).

## Read more about it!

Remember to look for books at the library, at book swaps, at [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org), or at used bookstores! Then share titles with friends and relatives!

*Choosing Simplicity: Real People Finding Peace and Fulfillment in a Complex World* by Linda Breen Pierce (Gallagher Press, 2000)

*Give It Up!: My Year of Learning to Live Better with Less* by Mary Carlomagno (William Morrow, 2006)

*Living Simply with Children: A Voluntary Simplicity Guide for Moms, Dads, and Kids Who Want to Reclaim the Bliss of Childhood and the Joy of Parenting* by Marie Sherlock (Three Rivers Press, 2003)

*Simplicity Lessons: A 12-Step Guide to Living Simply* by Linda Breen Pierce (Gallagher Press, 2003)

*Voluntary Simplicity: Toward a Way of Life That Is Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich* by Duane Elgin (Revised Edition, Harper Paperbacks, 1998)

*What Kids Really Want that Money Can't Buy: Tips for Parenting in a Commercial World* by Betsy Taylor (Warner Books, 2003)

## Go back to school without breaking the bank!

Whether you're getting ready for school yourself, getting someone else ready for school, or just taking care of your own end-of-summer shopping, there are ways that you can reduce your waste, improve our environment, and save money, too.

- Plan ahead and make a list. Check to see what you have on hand. After that, make a list of what you really need.
- Reuse what you already own. Check closets for forgotten tote bags, backpacks, lunch boxes, and refillable containers. Go through last year's supplies to find the basics: scissors, rulers, binders, etc. Many items can be reused from year to year. Remember—reusing your own stuff is also less stressful than hitting the stores.
- When you do go shopping, browse reused first. Look for used clothes, shoes, appliances, books, toys, games, office supplies, and household goods through online services such as [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org), at garage sales, or at resale shops.
- Buy recycled by picking up recycled-content paper, pens, pencils, scissors, rulers, file folders, binders, storage containers, and jewelry.
- Purchase refilled or remanufactured ink jet cartridges for your printers. Or, buy a refilling kit and do it yourself.
- Pick up a cool recycled accessory, such as a bag or purse made from a reused vinyl billboard (at right). Look for hip new sustainable products at [www.sustainablestyle.org](http://www.sustainablestyle.org).



## ¡No permita que el regreso de los chicos a la escuela lo deje en la banca rota!

Reduzca su basura, mejore el ambiente y ahorre dinero en sus compras del fin de verano.

- Planee anticipadamente y haga una lista. Tome inventario de lo que tiene. Haga una lista de lo que realmente necesita.
- Utilice más de una vez lo que ya tiene. Muchos artículos pueden volverse a usar año tras año, incluyendo bolsas para los libros, mochilas, loncheras, tijeras, reglas y carpetas.
- Cuando vaya de compras compre cosas usadas. Busque ropa, zapatos, aparatos del hogar, libros, juguetes, juegos, materiales para la oficina y otros artículos del hogar usados. Los puede encontrar a través del Internet en la página [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org), en ventas de garaje o tiendas a consignación.
- Compre artículos que contengan materiales reciclados, tales como papel, plumas, lápices, tijeras, reglas, fólderes, carpetas, cajas para almacenar y joyería.
- Compre cartuchos para la tinta de su impresora que pueda volver a llenar o que sean refabricados.
- Compre algún accesorio llamativo hecho con materiales reciclados, como puede ser una cartera o bolsa de vinal. Visite la página [www.sustainablestyle.org](http://www.sustainablestyle.org) donde encontrará atractivos productos.

## QUOTES REQUOTED

To waste, to destroy, our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed.

Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1919

El resultado de desperdiciar y destruir nuestros recursos naturales; de explotar y abusar la tierra en lugar de usarla para aumentar su uso, será dejar a nuestros hijos una prosperidad inferior la cual estamos obligados a heredarles amplificada y desarrollada.

Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1919

# Mix it up in the blue cart!



Recycling is easy in Inglewood. Simply toss your clean, dry recyclables into your blue recycling cart. You can mix them all together.

Here's what you can recycle:

**Paper Products**

- Newspaper
- Mixed Color Paper
- White Paper
- Cardboard
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Telephone Books
- Paper Bags
- Cereal and Food Boxes
- Egg Cartons

**Metal Containers**

- Aluminum Cans

- Steel Cans
- Tin Cans
- Food Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Pipe Tins

**Plastic Containers**

- Bottles, Jugs and Containers (Labeled #1-7)
- Plastic Milk Containers
- Detergent Containers

**Glass Containers**

- Clear, Brown and Green Food and Beverage Containers (with lids removed)

Empty and rinse containers. Allow them to air dry before placing them into your cart. This will help keep your paper products clean and dry.

Todos los materiales reciclables deberán de depositarse en su bote azul. Entre los materiales reciclables tenemos el periódico, papel de color, papel blanco, cartoncillo, correo chatarra, revistas, directorios telefónicos, bolsas de papel, cajas de comida y de cereal, cartoncillo para los huevos, latas de aluminio, latas de hojalata, latas vacías de aereosoles, tubería de estaño, botellas de plástico, envases y botes (marcados con #1-7), botellas de bebidas de plástico marcadas CRV, botes de leche de plástico, botes de detergente de plástico, botes de vidrio transparente, ó café o verde para alimentos y bebidas (favor de quitarles las tapas.)

Vacíe y enjuague los envases. Colóquelos boca abajo. Permita que se sequen a la intemperie antes de colocarlos en el bote. Al hacer esto ayudará a que los productos de papel que están en el bote se mantengan limpios y secos.

## Mark Your Calendar

<b>July</b>		
July 15	Movies in the Park	Ed Vincent Park
July 22	Movies in the Park	Ed Vincent Park
<b>August</b>		
August 5	Movies in the Park	Darby Park
August 12	Movies in the Park	Darby Park
August 12	Performing Arts Camp Performance	Ed Vincent Amphitheater
August 26	Market Street Festival	Market Street
August 29	Employee Talent Showcase	Ed Vincent Amphitheater
August 31	Urban/Hip-Hop Fashion Show	Ed Vincent Amphitheater
<b>September</b>		
September 2	4th Annual Jazz Festival	Ed Vincent Park

Look for recycling bins at the Jazz Festival and other events. Be sure to recycle your beverage containers!

Busque los botes de reciclaje en el Festival de Jazz y en otros eventos especiales. ¡Asegúrese de reciclar los envases de sus bebidas!



Twice a year, Waste Management will haul away bulky items from your curbside, free of charge. The next **Operation Clean Sweep** will take place in October. Acceptable items include furniture, appliances, and trash. Non-acceptable items include any hazardous material and any item that would take more than two workers to handle. For more information, consult your service guidelines or call (310) 677-6500.



Dos veces cada año, la compañía de basura, Waste Management, acarreará sus artículos grandes o voluminosos de la banqueta o acera. La siguiente "Operación Limpieza" se llevará a cabo en Octubre. Los artículos aceptables para este servicio incluyen los muebles, los electro-domésticos, y basura. Los artículos no-aceptables incluyen cualquier material peligroso y cualquier artículo grande que cualquier artículo que requiera a más de un trabajador para cargar.

# Scavenging is against the law!

When residents roll the blue recycling carts to the curb, they relinquish their recyclables to the City of Inglewood. Recyclables are a vital component of the City's trash and recycling operations. Aluminum, glass, cans, plastics, cardboard, and paper are collected, sorted, and sold to processors to make new items such as aluminum cans, plastic

lumber, glass containers, or cardboard. The revenue helps support City trash and recycling programs. When recyclables are stolen, we receive less money—that means residential rates could go up to cover the difference!

Scavenging is called a "gateway crime" because people who steal recyclables begin to believe that it is okay to take something else. Scavenging encourages unknown people to come into neighborhoods with the intent of taking what is not theirs. This can lead to littering, trespassing, and theft of larger and more valuable items.

Residents may choose to take their own recyclables to a redemption center. However, it is illegal for anyone other than the resident, the City, or Waste Management (the recycling contractor) to take recyclables out of the blue recycling cart.

If you see scavenging, call the anti-scavenger hotline at 310-680-5011. Be prepared to provide an address and a complete description of the person and vehicle.

Scavenging is a serious offense. Violators can be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for up to six months.

**At the City of Inglewood's Electronic Waste (E-Waste) recycling event at Hollywood Park in February, 239 residents dropped off 46,586 pounds of e-waste, including computers, stereos, TVs, phones, and related equipment.**

**El pasado mes de Febrero durante el evento de la ciudad de Inglewood para reciclaje de aparatos electrónicos que se llevo a cabo en el Parque Hollywood, 239 residentes reciclaron unas 46,586 libras de computadoras, estéreos, TVs, teléfonos y equipos varios.**



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