



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

## MAYOR NUTTER UNVEILS NEW SOLAR POWERED LITTER BASKETS

*The Future of Pedestrian Waste Management!*

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA** – The Streets Department on Tuesday, April 30, 2009 announced the replacement of 700 wire litter baskets with 500 solar-powered litter baskets, throughout Center City. Streets Commissioner Clarena I.W. Tolson was joined by Mayor Michael Nutter, Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler and Councilman Frank DiCicco for the inaugural celebration, which was held at the Northwest corner of 15th Street and JFK Boulevard. These environmentally-friendly litter baskets are part of city’s efforts in reaching their goal of becoming the “greenest city in America”.

With a whimsical design, these solar-powered baskets are cost effective and more efficient than traditional litter baskets. In keeping with “green efforts” the litter baskets will reduce overflowing, decrease the number of collection trips and cut related fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. The bins have the capacity to hold 200 gallons of trash (normal city trash cans hold 55 gallons) and can operate for a week on the energy it takes to make a pot of coffee. And, for the first time in Philadelphia, the City will introduce sidewalk recycling. Recycling baskets will be set next to 210 of these solar-powered litter baskets to allow pedestrians to place their recyclables in as they walk by.

Throughout the ceremony Mayor Nutter encouraged all those in the city to take part in using these new litter baskets, he and locals gave demonstrations to show how easy participating in a GREENER Philadelphia is!

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