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Recycle and get free entry to the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival on Feb. 17

Families can enter the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival for free by recycling at the gate. The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is offering this special recycling collection day to fairgoers to increase the awareness about the importance of properly recycling hazardous household products.

Residents can bring items including small, used electronic devices such as cell phones, telephones, tablets, radios, DVD players/recorders, receivers, computer peripherals like a mouse, keyboard, driver, reader, etc., rechargeable batteries and ink cartridges. Items will be accepted at the gate on Waste Wednesday 2016 (Feb. 17) for admission to the fair.

At least one item per admission is necessary. Business waste, automotive batteries, single-use alkaline batteries and lead acid batteries will not be accepted for this promotion. No other household hazardous wastes will be accepted.

This program is provided by the Department of Waste Resources and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. It is important to keep hazardous materials out of the trash to protect county landfills. The department's mission is to protect the general public's health and welfare by efficiently managing Riverside County's solid-waste system.

The household hazardous waste collection schedule is available online at http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/hhw/schedule.html. For more information about this event, contact the department at (951) 486-3200 or www.rcwaste.org.