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Drop & Shop reuse store opens in Palm Springs to provide free household products on Saturdays

If your New Year's resolution was to improve your housekeeping or save money on home repairs, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is here to help. The department will make good, reusable household products available for FREE to residents and businesses through the new Drop & Shop store at the Palm Springs Permanent HHW Collection Facility.

Many products collected through the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection program are in good or unused condition and can be reused instead of processed for disposal. The Drop & Shop program is available at the Palm Springs facility on Saturdays, during operating hours. Shoppers can take home gently used household, yard- and car-care products for free. Availability varies but may include: paint, cleaners, pool-, spa-, lawn-care and automotive products.

The department saw a need to make reusable products available and an opportunity to reduce operating costs for handling and disposal of the many items collected through the HHW program. Opening the Drop & Shop store makes sense for the community and the county. Residents can drop-off common wastes like antifreeze, batteries, paint, and used motor oil, and shop for free products at the same location. The program is funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).



The department provides an opportunity for Riverside County residents to keep hazardous waste out of the county landfills and ensure it is properly managed. The hazardous waste collection program accepts residentially generated household hazardous wastes from Riverside County residents only.

The facility is subject to closure during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county. The Drop & Shop store is open non-holiday Saturdays with summer hours, June to September from 7 a.m. to Noon, and regular hours October to May from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm, at the Palm Springs Permanent HHW Collection Facility, 1100 Vella Road in Palm Springs. The department operates four other Drop & Shop stores in Beaumont, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, and Moreno Valley. For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226, or <http://www.rcwaste.org/dropandshop>.