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County offers free household hazardous waste collection event and Drop and Shop store Saturday in Beaumont

If you are thinking of doing some end of summer cleaning in preparation of upcoming fall holidays, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is here to help. The department will be collecting unwanted household hazardous waste and will make good, reusable household products available for FREE to residents through the Drop & Shop store at the Lamb Canyon Landfill. 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 Riverside County Department of Waste Resources has scheduled a free household hazardous-waste collection event Saturday (Sep. 15) at the Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill. The collection is open to all Riverside County residents.

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 collection event will accept residentially generated household hazardous wastes from Riverside County residents only. Waste from businesses or non-profits will not be accepted.

Typical wastes include used motor oil, paint, antifreeze, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, cleaning products, sharps (needles/syringes or lancets), unused medication (except controlled substances), fluorescent lamps, and electronic wastes such as televisions, computers, VCRs and telephones. Limit the amount of waste transported to no more than 15 gallons, or 125 pounds maximum per vehicle. Individual containers should be no larger than five gallons nor weigh more than

50 pounds. Mixed loads containing trash and household hazardous waste will be charged according to the landfill fee schedule. For mixed loads, please place household hazardous waste at the rear of the load to be unloaded first.

Items that will not be accepted include explosives, radioactive material, ammunition, asbestos, compressed-gas cylinders over 40 pounds, or infectious or medical waste other than sharps.

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. Drop & Shop stores make sense for the community and the County. Shoppers can take home partially used household, yard and car care products for free. Availability of free products varies, but may include: paint, cleaners, pool, spa, lawn care and automotive products. Drop & Shop store is funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The Drop and Shop store is open every Saturday, 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The event is subject to cancellation during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county. The collection event is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Road. For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226, or <http://www.rcwaste.org/hhw>.