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**Riverside County** 

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## County waste department to provide free virtual green cleaning/green gardening class on Saturday

Looking for a safe, socially-distanced way to learn how to create homemade cleaning and garden products out of items you already have in your pantry? On Saturday, Oct. 9, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will host a free virtual green cleaning and green gardening class that can be accessed on any computer, tablet or smartphone.

Green cleaning teaches residents the benefits of using sustainable, environmentally sound cleaning practices. Presenters explain how to simplify your cleaning products, save money, and make your home a safer environment. The class demonstrates how easy it is to make cleaning products from ingredients most people already have in their home, such as vinegar, baking soda and rubbing alcohol. Participants will receive a booklet that contains basic recipes to make their own cleaning products at home. The result is simple cleaning products that leave less chemical residue behind on surfaces where food is prepared, children crawl or pets walk.

Green gardening takes that concept and applies it to the outdoors. The class demonstrates how to create effective homemade products to tackle everything from pest prevention to weed killers without the use of harmful toxic chemicals. The end result will save your garden from plant-eating pests, and save you money by creating products from everyday items like dish soap and cayenne pepper.

The virtual class is free and will end by 10 a.m. The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources provides free classes to reduce waste, help preserve valuable space in county sanitary landfills, and to

reduce the amount of chemical waste residents bring to the Household Hazardous Waste collection program for processing and disposal.

For more information, call (951) 486-3200 or visit <u>www.rcwaste.org/classes</u>

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