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City of San Diego Offers Free Mulch to County Residents Impacted by Valley Fire

**GROUND COVER PROTECTS AGAINST SOIL EROSION IN FIRE-RAVAGED AREAS,
AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego is offering free mulch to help San Diego County property owners who were impacted by the Valley Fire, which started on Sept. 5 off Japatul Road east of Alpine. Residents are invited to load up to 2 cubic yards of 4-inch mulch material processed at the Miramar Greenery.

Self-loading is free. If assistance is needed by City staff to load a vehicle, there is a nominal fee that varies according to the amount of material loaded. Mulch is made from 100% recycled yard trimmings from local residents and businesses.

“Mulch can be spread on burned areas to prevent flooding when the rain hits San Diego this winter,” said Environmental Services Department Interim Director Gene Matter. “The City of San Diego has abundant supplies of mulch at our Miramar Greenery facility and we are happy to assist county residents during this difficult time.”

More than 17,000 acres burned in the Valley Fire, along with dozens of homes and structures. County residents will be asked for identification when picking up mulch.

The Miramar Landfill and Greenery is located north of State Route 52 at 5180 Convoy St. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. All visitors are required to wear facial coverings and maintain physical distancing.

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