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City of San Diego Hosts Automotive Products Recycling Event in Mira Mesa

DROP-OFF EVENT PROVIDES ONE-STOP SHOP FOR RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF USED MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE WASTE

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) Household Hazardous Waste Program is hosting a free automotive products recycling event on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at San Diego Miramar College from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event provides City residents with a centrally located, convenient way to remove used motor oil, oil filters, automotive batteries and antifreeze from garages, and help protect the environment from hazardous waste.

"Automotive waste that is not disposed of properly can be very toxic for wildlife and can negatively impact the environment," said Joy Newman, Household Hazardous Waste Program Manager. "We are encouraging do-it-yourselfers and home mechanics to drop off any used oil, oil filters, antifreeze and auto batteries they have collected to help keep our streets, open spaces and waterways clean."

Automotive recycling events are funded by the City of San Diego's Environmental Services, Public Utilities and Transportation and Storm Water Departments along with a grant from CalRecycle. Additional recycling event dates, times and locations can be found on the City's <u>Household Hazardous Wastewebpage</u>.

Residents planning to attend the event should take note of the following details:

- This event is free to City of San Diego residents only. Proof of residency is required;
- Used motor oil, oil filters, contaminated oil, car batteries and antifreeze will be accepted. Household batteries and fluorescent lightbulbs will also be accepted;
- The following items will NOT be accepted: paint, household chemicals/cleaners, gasoline, propane tanks and e-waste. Visit the City's website to <u>schedule an appointment</u> to dispose of these items;

 No commercial or business waste will be accepted. Visit the <u>CalRecycle website</u> for information on retailers throughout San Diego County that accept used oil, oil filters and vehicle batteries from businesses;

Maximum limit: 10 gallons of liquid or 100 pounds.

WHAT: Automotive Products Recycling Event

WHO: City of San Diego in cooperation with the California Department of Resources

Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

WHEN: Saturday, March 23, 2019, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Miramar College

10440 Black Mountain Rd. San Diego, CA 92126

VISUALS: Residents driving up to drop off recyclable hazardous waste;

Workers removing hazardous waste from vehicles and placing them into secured, large containers; and hazardous automotive liquids being poured into recycling

containers.



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