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## **CITY HOSTS AUTO PRODUCT RECYCLING EVENT TO COLLECT USED MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE, OIL FILTERS AND AUTO BATTERIES**

**January 29 Event to be Held in Balboa Park**

**SAN DIEGO, CA** — To promote the recycling of used auto waste, the City of San Diego is hosting an auto product recycling event on Saturday, January 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park parking lot, located at Park Blvd. and Presidents Way. Sponsored by the City's Environmental Services Department and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), this free event is open to all San Diego city residents. Proof of residency is required.

Hazardous waste specialists will be on hand to collect used or leftover motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters and auto batteries. Business and other commercial waste will not be accepted. This event is only for "home mechanics." Residents should transport no more than 10 gallons of waste, secured in closed containers and placed inside a box that can be left behind. To ensure safety, keep the waste in the trunk or away from drivers and passengers.

"If exposed to storm drains, just one gallon of motor oil, the amount equivalent to the oil from a single oil change, can pollute a million gallons of drinking water," said Elmer L. Heap, Jr., director of the Environmental Services Department. "Recycling auto waste is a simple way for home mechanics to prevent this type of pollution, conserve natural resources and create new products. For example, recycling one ton of used oil filters recovers 1,700 pounds of steel and up to 60 gallons of used oil."

Annually, the City hosts approximately eight auto product recycling events citywide. Last year, these events drew participants from almost 2,250 area homes and collected more than 124,000 pounds of used auto products.

City Auto Product Recycling events are made possible by the annual receipt of a used oil recycling block grant from the CIWMB, which funds the collection of motor oil and oil filters. For information on private businesses that accept used oil and filters, or disposal of other household hazardous waste, call Environmental Services at (858) 694-7000, or visit the Web site at [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services).

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