



CITY OF SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

City Collects Record Amount of Household Hazard Waste

Used Oil, Oil Filters, Antifreeze, car batteries, as well as household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs collected at community events.

SAN DIEGO, CA— The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department received a record amount of household hazardous waste collected at community recycling events in neighborhoods throughout San Diego.

The Household Hazardous Waste team took in 5,730 gallons of used motor oil in fiscal year 2012, compared to 3,950 gallons in fiscal year 2011. This significant increase is attributable to the increased outreach and resulting participation by City of San Diego residents.

Another factor is the addition of household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs that were added to the collection events. City residents requested this additional service and a pilot project was initiated to test the feasibility of adding additional materials to the hazardous waste stream.

Hazardous Waste staff found the pilot project to be a huge success after collecting almost 10 tons of household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs at these community events. It is very likely this waste would not have been disposed of properly.

In many cases residents brought in oil along with their household batteries, or they brought fluorescent light bulbs along with their oil. In effect, one program complimented the other resulting in increased participation and collection of household hazardous waste.

The collection of household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs will now be standard waste collected at the Used Oil and Oil Recycling events. Funding for these events is provided by CalRecycle and the City of San Diego.

Because of the success in collecting household batteries and fluorescent light bulbs, the pilot program is being expanded to include these items in select community clean-up events conducted by the Environmental Services Department's Code Compliance and Field Operations sections.

Residents who have questions or need additional information about recycling household hazardous waste and other items, please go to our website at www.recyclingworks.com or call our customer information center at 858-694-7000.

