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Oil Filters Available at No Cost to County Residents at Oil Filter Exchange Events

San Diego, CA – The County of San Diego, Department of Public Works wants residents to recycle their used motor oil and filters. To reward people who do recycling their oil and filters, on Saturday, March 23, the County is partnering with five local AutoZone stores to give away a free filter to each resident who brings in a used filter.

The oil filter exchange offer is good from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, March 23 at participating AutoZone store locations. One free filter per person per event. Oil and filter recycling drop off service is available year-round at participating auto part stores.

Participating Auto Zone locations include: Ramona: 370 Pala Street, Ramona, CA 92065; Fallbrook: 1081 S. Mission Avenue, Fallbrook, CA 92028; Lakeside: 12421 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040; and two locations in Spring Valley: 699 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley, CA 91977 and 9710 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

Properly recycled used motor oil can be re-refined and used again, ensuring that it doesn't contaminate waterways and pollute the local environment and the steel from used oil filters is recycled into rebar for construction projects.

Most people don't realize that a used oil filter from their automobile has an average of 10 fluid ounces of motor oil trapped inside, even after draining for 24 hours. CalRecycle, the State agency that manages recycling and waste management, reports that more than two million gallons of oil from filters ends up in local landfills each year in California. In order to reduce that number, an incentive is being offered to County residents, who can receive a free oil filter simply by bringing their used filter to a participating store for recycling.

For residents who cannot attend these events, there are more than 300 locations in San Diego County that accept used oil filters from the public for recycling at no charge. These locations, also accept up to five gallons of used motor oil from the public at no charge. Motor oil must not be contaminated with water or other liquids such as antifreeze, solvents, or gasoline. Residents with contaminated motor oil or more than five gallons of non-contaminated motor oil must visit a household hazardous waste collection facility.

For more information about recycling and waste disposal, call the County of San Diego's bilingual hotline, managed by I Love A Clean San Diego, at 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784) or visit the newly redesigned one stop recycling resource, www.WasteFreeSD.org.

I Love A Clean San Diego is the go-to organization for programs that enhance and conserve the local environment. Through recycling, education and cleanups of our most beloved areas, I Love A Clean San Diego is the only community-based organization dedicated to the future of the entire county – from inland to the coast, in every community, for generations to come. For more information, visit www.cleansd.org.

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