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Put Your Toxic Waste in its Place!

Unincorporated San Diego County Residents, Check out Ramona's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

San Diego County, CA – As Spring cleaning gets underway this year, I Love a Clean San Diego and the County of San Diego want to remind County residents to consider safety and the environment when disposing of unwanted items. Many people aren't aware of the **County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at the Ramona Disposal Service site at 324 Maple Street, Ramona, CA 92065**. This facility provides unincorporated San Diego County residents with an easy way to safely dispose of common household items that if thrown in the trash or illegally dumped in the community, would harm our local environment. Not an unincorporated resident? WasteFreeSD.org can refer you to the right collection facility based on your residential zip code.

Unused or leftover portions of products used in the home that contain hazardous chemicals are considered "household hazardous waste." Products labeled Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable or Corrosive may pose risks to the environment and public health if not disposed of properly. Common household hazardous waste items include things like furniture polish, disinfectants, pesticides, automotive fluids, oven cleaner, latex and oil based paint, aerosols, lighter fluid, and pool chemicals.

The Ramona Facility also collects electronic waste items like cell phones and cordless phones, computers, TVs, printers and scanners, fluorescent light bulbs, stereo equipment, thermometers, VCRs and DVD players, and all types of batteries including car batteries. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the regular trash in California.

The Ramona Facility is open on the first and third Saturday of the month by appointment only. The facility cannot accept ammunition, explosive or radioactive material, large appliances or tires. Residents are required to bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill, which shows they live in the unincorporated area of San Diego County.

To make an appointment to drop off waste, or 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 one stop recycling resource, 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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