



April 9, 2014

Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Janet Moreland, Recycling Specialist
Riverside County Waste Management Department
(951) 486-3200

County waste department to provide free household hazardous waste collection event in Mecca on Saturday

The Riverside County Waste Management Department has scheduled a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday (April 12) in Mecca at the Sheriff's Substation, starting at 9 a.m. The collection is open to all Riverside County residents.

The Riverside County Waste Management Department provides an opportunity for Riverside County residents to keep hazardous waste out of the county landfills and ensure that it is properly managed. The event will accept residentially generated household hazardous wastes from Riverside County residents only. Business or non-profit waste will not be accepted. Typical wastes include used motor oil, paint, antifreeze, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, cleaning products, sharps (needles/syringes or lancets), fluorescent lamps, and electronic wastes such as televisions, computers, VCRs and telephones. Limit the amount of waste transported to no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds maximum per vehicle. Individual containers should be no larger than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds.

The collection will not accept explosives, radioactives, ammunition, asbestos, compressed gas cylinders over 40 pounds, and infectious or medical waste other than sharps.

Event is subject to cancellation during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Substation, 91-260 Avenue 66. For more information, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226, or www.rivcowm.org.