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County waste department announces cancellation of community cleanups, free classes, household hazardous waste collection events

In accordance with social gathering recommendations to fight against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is closing all household hazardous waste drop-off locations, as well as canceling all Community Cleanup events and free classes through April 30.

The household hazardous waste closure pertains to all HHW facilities, including permanent sites at Agua Mansa, Lake Elsinore, and Palm Springs, as well as ABOP sites, temporary events, and Drop N Shop locations. Sharps (needles/syringes or lancets), correctly sealed in approved containers, can still be dropped off at kiosks located at the Badlands landfill in Moreno Valley, and the Lamb Canyon landfill in Beaumont.

Community Cleanup events allow residents of unincorporated areas of Riverside County to dispose of general refuse, bulky items, electronic waste, tires, and other materials at temporary drop off sites. Residents are asked to make use of curbside bins and bulky item pickup options offered by waste haulers. Contact your hauler for specific options. Additionally, residents can haul waste to local landfills. All active county landfills continue normal operations during standard business hours.

The Department of Waste Resources offers free classes on composting, vermicomposting and green cleaning, teaching those subjects to residents in a variety of locations throughout the county. While the previously scheduled classes have been canceled through April 30, material related to the classes – including full video lessons– can be found on the Department’s YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/user/RCWMDVideo>)

The current closure guidelines pertaining to April 30 are subject to change and may be extended depending on coronavirus (COVID-19) developments. For up-to-date information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or visit <http://www.rcwaste.org>.

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