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Santee to Host Oil Filter Exchange Event for Residents

Santee, CA – The City of Santee and I Love A Clean San Diego will team up to host an oil filter exchange for Santee residents on Saturday May 14th from 9am – 1pm. The exchange event will be at the O’Reilly Auto Parts located at 9675 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071. Santee residents can bring in a used oil filter for recycling and receive a new filter at no cost, as long as they have proof of residency. This can take the form of a driver’s license or a utility bill.

Recycling used motor oil is important because it can be cleaned and used again. By properly recycling used motor oil, residents are ensuring that it doesn’t contaminate local waterways and pollute the environment. Used motor oil recycling began in California in 1992. CalRecycle data shows that used oil filters are recycled less frequently than used motor oil itself. Each used filter contains an average of 10 fluid ounces of used motor oil that is trapped inside. CalRecycle reports that more than two million gallons of oil from these filters is being improperly disposed of each year in California. I Love A Clean San Diego and the City of Santee are incentivizing the proper disposal of used oil filters from do-it-yourselfers by providing a replacement filter at no cost.

For those who may not be able to attend this no cost exchange event, there are more than 300 locations in San Diego County that accept used oil filters from the public for recycling. The O’Reilly chain, along with other auto parts stores are often Certified Collection Centers, meaning that they will 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. Santee residents that have contaminated motor oil or more than five gallons of clean motor oil must visit a household hazardous waste collection facility. The two options for City of Santee residents are El Cajon (second and fourth Saturday by appointment) and Poway (open every Saturday from 9am – 3pm). For more information on these centers, visit I Love A Clean San Diego’s One Stop Recycling Resource, www.wastefreesd.org. I Love A Clean San Diego encourages all San Diegans to visit its recycling website to learn more about similar events held countywide.

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