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**Free Disposal for the Household Hazardous Waste Lurking in Your Home**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY** – Did you know the average American household purchases more than 120 items that are considered hazardous each year? The number of items in your home banned from landfills due to their hazardous properties may surprise you: items such as paint, household cleaners, automotive fluids, as well as pool and garden chemicals. As we prepare for spring cleaning, many of these harmful chemicals are often thrown in the trash because people do not know the risks that they pose. If these hazardous items are not properly disposed, they can end up contaminating groundwater, rivers, beaches, and the oceans. It's best to use up your products, but if you do need to get rid of unused portions, proper disposal is a must. Luckily, there is a free local resource available.

The Ramona Household Hazardous Waste Facility is a convenient way for residents of unincorporated communities to get these items out of their homes and disposed of properly at no-cost. The Ramona Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at the Ramona Disposal Services Transfer Station located at 324 Maple Street, Ramona, CA 92065. The facility is open on the first and third Saturday of each month by appointment. Call 1-800-R-1-EARTH (1-800-713-2784) to make your appointment today.

**The County's Ramona facility collects and properly recycles or disposes of household hazardous waste from unincorporated residents, including:**

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| Adhesives                | Gasoline             | Pesticides             |
| Aerosol Spray Cans*      | Hair Dye             | Photographic Chemicals |
| Antifreeze               | Herbicide            | Pool Chemicals         |
| Asbestos                 | Household Cleaners   | Propane Tanks          |
| Brake Fluid              | Insecticides         | Sealant                |
| Used Motor Oil           | Kerosene             | Smoke Detectors        |
| Degreasers               | Lighter Fluid        | Solvents               |
| Diesel                   | Nail Polish          | Thermostats            |
| Disinfectants            | Nail Polish Removers | Transmission Fluid     |
| Fertilizer               | Syringes / Needles   | Wood Stain             |
| Fire Retardant Chemicals | Paint Stripper       | Varnishes              |
| Fluorescent Light Bulbs  | Paint Thinner        | Treated Wood           |
| Fluorescent Light Tubes  | Paint                |                        |
| Fungicides               | Perfume              |                        |

\*empty aerosol containers can be recycled in your blue bin at home.

There are other household hazardous waste collection facilities and services available in San Diego County. To find the closest drop off location and to get other recycling questions answered, visit the County's Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste database at [www.WasteFreeSD.org](http://www.WasteFreeSD.org) or call 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784).

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