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### **Free Hazardous Waste Collection Days**

(SANTA BARBARA, California) – Tired of seeing old paint cans in the garage or that old jug of used motor oil in the back shed? Have recent stay-at-home orders inspired you to declutter? Bring your hazardous and electronic waste to an upcoming household hazardous waste collection event near you. The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department will hold two events in early October – Saturday, Oct. 10 in New Cuyama and Sunday, Oct. 11 in the Santa Ynez Valley.

**The Cuyama Valley** event will be held at the New Cuyama Transfer Station located at 5073 Highway 166. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is free for residents in unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

**The Santa Ynez** event will be held at the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station, located at 4004 Foxen Canyon Road in Los Olivos. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free for residents in the unincorporated area and the City of Solvang.

Residents can drop off common household items, including automotive fluids, cleaners, paint, pesticides, and batteries, as well as unwanted electronics like computers and TVs. Residents can also bring home-generated “sharps” such as needles and syringes. To protect event staff, please note that sharps must be delivered in rigid, puncture-proof containers. For more details on acceptable materials, visit [www.LessIsMore.org](http://www.LessIsMore.org).

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all event attendees must wear a mask and remain in their vehicles at all times. Additionally, please keep all materials easily accessible in the back of your vehicle (for example, in the bed of your truck or the trunk of your car). This helps us keep each visit contact-free.

Outside of these events, the County offers other ways to recycle hazardous waste. The County’s “ABOP” facility located at the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station accepts antifreeze, auto batteries, motor oil, oil filters, and latex paint every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Additionally, County transfer stations accept electronic waste free of charge for residents. Some local cities and private waste management companies also operate household hazardous waste and electronics collection centers. For more information about these programs, call 805-882-3603 or visit the County’s waste reduction website, [www.LessIsMore.org](http://www.LessIsMore.org). We are happy to help you get rid of those hard-to-dispose-of items.

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