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COSTA MESA COMMUNITY EFFORT DIVERTS OVER 20,000 POUNDS OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

(Costa Mesa, CA) – On May 10, 2014, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD), Orange Coast College (OCC), and OC Waste & Recycling hosted the community's second Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event. The event was held at OCC and attracted 236 vehicles from Costa Mesa and nearby communities. The event successfully collected over 20,000 pounds of unwanted household materials including motor oil, latex paint, antifreeze and batteries. Some of the collected items will be recycled and reused while most of the materials will be properly disposed of and kept away from the landfill. According to OC Waste & Recycling, this event was another great success and they were pleased with the outcome.

The first HHW Collection Event was held in 2012 and serviced 380 vehicles that dropped off over 36,000 pounds of HHW materials. The two events combined collected over 56,000 pounds of dangerous chemicals and unwanted electronics that avoided the landfill and prevented potential contamination of the environment.



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Products, such as bleach, paints, stains, cleaners, motor oil, batteries, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care and should be taken to certified HHW collection centers. Improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. The nearest collection center for CMSD residents is in Huntington Beach at 17121 Nichols Street – Gate 6, near Warner Avenue and between Beach Boulevard and Gothard Street. The facility is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (closed on major holidays and during rainy weather). The center also accepts e-waste (such as computer monitors, printers and televisions) and fluorescent light bulbs. For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oilandfills.com.

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