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The Regional Solid Waste Association (RSWA) is a joint powers agency (JPA) composed of the Member cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, Solana Beach, National City, Poway and Vista. The RSWA's mission is to promote stable, environmentally responsible and cost effective options for solid waste disposal, including recyclables and household hazardous waste. RSWA also contracts with the Cities of Carlsbad, San Marcos and Santee to further these goals.

As a part of its mission, RSWA both provides and supports a variety of programs to enable residents of the Member and Contract cities to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), including: Electronic Waste, Pharmaceuticals and Sharps (medical hypodermic needles), Oils, Paints, Batteries, Aerosols and other "Universal Wastes" as defined by the State of California. In addition, RSWA promotes and encourages diversion of waste from the landfills through proper recycling and reuse.

It is dangerous, environmentally irresponsible and illegal to discard any household hazardous waste into the trash, a storm drain, or down the sewer system. To facilitate the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, RSWA provides options for residents through drop off facilities and door-to-door collection. Drop off facilities are available in Poway, Vista and Escondido to accept and properly dispose of HHW from the residents of Member and Contract cities. The Poway and Vista facilities are open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except holidays) and the Escondido facility is open every other Saturday. No appointment is necessary at the Vista and Poway facilities; appointments are required at the Escondido facility. Proof of residency in a Member City or Contract city is required and residents of the Contract cities of Carlsbad, San Marcos and Santee may only utilize the Poway and Vista facilities. Please visit the RSWA website to locate a facility near you: <http://www.rswa.info/>.

Use of the three facilities as described above is free of charge to residents of Member and Contract cities when bringing single HHW type loads of either electronic waste only, batteries only, or sharps only. However, it is important to note that when a resident brings multiple types of HHW items to any of the facilities, the load is considered "mixed" and the vendor will charge a flat fee to the City from which the resident has brought the waste. So, it is important to plan your trip and maximize your load if you are bringing mixed (or multiple) types of HHW to the facility.

The fee for depositing "mixed" loads of HHW at the facilities is charged to the City, not the resident, and is calculated on a per car basis. The fee is charged regardless of the load size, up to 125 pounds, so make your trip count by maximizing your load and stretching your City's budget for the disposal of HHW – every dollar counts! A typical 125 pound load is equal to 15 gallons of liquids (paint, oil or gasoline), or a 30-33 gallon trash can full of dry items (pesticides, aerosol cans, fertilizer).

In addition to the three fixed facilities, RSWA offers a convenient door-to-door pick-up program for residential Household Hazardous Waste. The door-to-door program will charge the resident a small co-pay for the pick-up of HHW load at their home and **the resident's City is also charged a fee for the disposal of the HHW load.** The co-pay for residents requesting the door-to-door program is \$10.00, unless otherwise noted below:

- Door-to-door collection services are available free of charge (no co-pay) to citizens 65 or older, or households possessing a registered handicap placard.
- The City of San Marcos provides door-to-door collection services for only the homebound and seniors (65 or older).
- The City of Carlsbad requires \$10 co-pay for everyone utilizing this program.

Similar to dropping off a "mixed" HHW load at one of the three facilities, the resident's co-pay amount and the amount charged to the City are flat fees, no matter how small the load. So, get the most bang-for-your-buck by maximizing your load, up to the 125 pound limit. To schedule an appointment for the door-to-door program, contact RSWA's vendor – Phillip Services (PSC) at (800) 714-1195.

Please remember that proper disposal of HHW is everybody's responsibility. Do not discard these dangerous and environmentally damaging items in the garbage can, in a storm drain or down the sewer system. RSWA, along with its partner in proper waste disposal, EDCO, provide education and resources for the proper disposal of HHW. We encourage you to visit our websites to learn more about the services available to you to keep our communities clean and healthy.

More information, please contact Lin Wurbs, RSWA General Manager, at (619) 607-8115, visit RSWA's website at <http://www.rswa.info/> or visit the website for EDCO at <http://www.edcodisposal.com>

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