

Free Drop-off of Household Hazardous Waste on Oct. 1

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reached via Sunset Road.

To participate you must show proof of residency in the form of a driver's license or California identification card. For more information, call the City's Solid Waste Division at (925) 516-6090.

"Instead of having to drive all the way to the Delta Diablo Sanitation District collection site in Antioch, Brentwood residents may drop off their hazardous waste here," says Jon Carlson, Brentwood's Solid Waste Manager.

There is a 15-gallon or 125-pound limit per visit for the hazardous waste collection.

Certain materials cannot be accepted. These include explosives, ammunition, appliances, computer monitors, televisions, compressed gas cylinders (except propane), medical or other biologically hazardous waste, radioactive materials, railroad ties and tires.

Most products in the following categories are acceptable:

- Automotive care products including motor oil, filters, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, gasoline, car wax, car polish, auto batteries, degreasers, solvents, wheel cleaners, flares and propane canisters.
- Home and garden items including household batteries, cooking oil, liquid cleaners, aerosols, drain openers, solvents, grouting, cements, caulking, sealants, adhesives, lighter fluid, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals and fertilizers.

Drop-off for Year-Round Recycling of Cardboard

The City of Brentwood sponsors free year-round drop-off of cardboard behind the Brentwood Café, 8500 Brentwood Blvd.

"It is for cardboard only, and the cardboard should be broken down. If the bins are full, we ask that you come back the next day," says City Solid Waste Manager Jon Carlson.

No other items are accepted.

- Paint and paint-related products including latex and oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, glazes, waxes, wood oils, paint thinner, epoxy resins and wallpaper materials.

- Personal care items such as pharmaceuticals, shampoos, conditioners and other hair care products, lotions, cosmetics, nail polish remover, perfumes and colognes.

- Mercury-laced items including fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, older household thermostats and light switches, children's shoes and some toys with flickering lights, clothing irons, some clock pendulums and button (watch-type) batteries.

Here are guidelines when preparing to drop off household hazardous wastes:

- Materials must be packaged in sturdy, 5-gallon, non-leaking containers. Original containers are recommended.

- Small, leaking containers can be individually placed in resealable plastic bags. Larger containers should be placed in separate, covered and non-leaking containers for transport.

- Five-gallon plastic buckets are available at most hardware stores and make good transporting containers.

State regulations limit disposals to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle per visit. Individual containers are limited to a 5-gallon capacity.

Sharp Objects Like Needles, Lancets Require Special Handling as Waste

Sharps (needles and lancets) require special handling and, if packaged correctly, may be dropped off at the Brentwood Transfer Station during the annual household hazardous waste collection on Oct. 1.

"Sharps placed in the trash at home, school or other public places may fall out of containers, stick out of trash bags or fall to the ground, creating a safety hazard," say Delta Diablo Sanitation District officials.

Since sharps require special handling, please follow these packing directions:

- Call the Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at (925)

756-1990 to request a BD Home Sharps Container by mail. The container holds 70-100 insulin syringes or 300 pen needles. Capacity depends on syringe size.

- When you receive the sharps container in the mail, follow the accompanying container instructions and fill it with syringes, needles and/or lancets.

- Drop off the sharps containers at the Brentwood Transfer Station on Oct. 1.

- During the rest of the year, drop off the sharps container at the Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway in Antioch and pick up another free container.

City Offering Free Leaf Bags to Help Prevent Flooding

The City is again offering free leaf bags to help residents avoid neighborhood flooding because of leaf-clogged storm drains.

The bags can be picked up free of charge, beginning October 1, at City Hall, 708 Third St., and will be available through January.

The bags are only for leaves that will not fit in residents' yard waste carts. Do

not place lawn clippings, prunings or other green waste in the leaf bags.

If the bags of leaves are not picked up on your scheduled yard waste collection day, call the City Solid Waste Division at (925) 516-6090 to arrange for a pickup.

If left to accumulate when they fall, leaves will pile up, hamper street sweeping and can block storm drains during a rainstorm, City officials warn.