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New Option for Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal ***First* of its kind in San Bernardino County**

BIG BEAR LAKE, CA – In partnership with the San Bernardino County Hazardous Materials Division and Big Bear Disposal, a new disposal option will allow small businesses in the City of Big Bear Lake to drop hazardous waste off locally, rather than self-transporting it off-the-mountain to a county collection site. Effective May 4, and the first Thursday of each month thereafter, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., the San Bernardino County Hazardous Materials Division will accept hazardous waste from small businesses that are classified as CESQGs at the Big Bear Disposal facility located at 41974 Garstin Road. Small businesses are considered a CESQG (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator) if they generate no more than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month (not including volume containing latex paint, motor oil or antifreeze).

Currently, several options exist for small businesses to dispose of hazardous waste material, including making an appointment with the County to self-transport waste to a collection center located in San Bernardino. This can be both time consuming and costly for the small business owner. The City, in its commitment to make the process of hazardous waste disposal business friendly, is the ***first*** in San Bernardino County to implement such a disposal option, in which the City provides funds to staff a local collection site for access. Depending on the program's success, the City may modify the dates and times of operation in order to better meet the needs of the small business community.

There are disposal costs associated with the program and they vary depending on type:

Aerosols	\$1.10 / lb.
Automobile motor oil	\$.62 / gal.
Anti-freeze	\$1.30 / gal.
Contaminated oil	\$2.13 / gal.
Car batteries	\$.52 / ea.
Corrosive liquids, solids	\$2.50 / lb.
Flammable solids, liquids	\$1.30 / lb.
Latex Paint	\$.62 / lb.
Mercury	Quote
NiCad/Alkaline Batteries	\$1.90 / lb.
Oil Base Paints	\$.83 / lb.
Oxidizers	\$8.60 / lb.
PCB Ballasts	\$5.30 / lb.
Pesticides (most)	\$2.50 / lb.
Photofixer, developer	\$3.64 / gal.
Television & Monitors	\$10.00 / ea.

Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs) often have difficulty disposing of small amounts of hazardous waste because disposal companies usually have a minimum amount of waste they will pick up, or they charge a minimum fee for service. Oftentimes, this minimum fee exceeds the cost of disposing the waste itself. Hazardous waste collected by CESQGs is transported to a state permitted processing facility in San Bernardino. The waste is further processed and packaged for off-site recycling (i.e. oil filters, oil, latex paint, antifreeze and batteries) or destructive incineration (pesticides, corrosives, flammables, oil based paint). For the most current pricing rates or information on the program, small business owners can call the San Bernardino County Hazardous Materials Division at **1- 800-OILY-CAT** (1-800-645-9228). Business owners are encouraged to call the toll-free number to schedule an appointment prior to arrival in order for staff to provide the best service possible and help comply with hazardous waste control laws.

The City of Big Bear Lake is a four-season resort located in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, approximately 30 miles northeast of San Bernardino. The City serves a population of 6,500 residents and covers a 6.95 square mile area on the west end of Big Bear Lake's south shore. Recreation is offered year-round, including skiing, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, golf and fine dining. Visit us at www.citybigbearlake.com