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Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Senior/Disabled

(Woodland, CA) – Senior or disabled residents who cannot drive, and who have household hazardous waste in need of proper recycling and disposal, may schedule a free pickup of their waste by contacting Yolo County's Household Hazardous Waste line at 1-866-714-8470. While there is no fee for this service, residents must provide evidence of a disability preventing participation in the regularly scheduled Household Hazardous Waste drop-off days by way of a doctor's note or handicap placard, or by providing a copy of a valid identification card demonstrating that they are of age 65 or older. For qualifying residents, this program is open to all households in Yolo County.

Hazardous waste has one or more of the following properties:

- Toxic (poisonous when ingested, inhaled or touched)
- Flammable (easy to ignite)
- Corrosive (eats away material or human tissue by chemical action)
- Reactive (creates an explosion or produces deadly vapors)

Types of material that can be collected include: batteries, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, antifreeze, aerosol cans containing hazardous waste, garden pesticides and herbicides, latex or oil-based paints, solvents, poisons, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, electrical switches/relays, pilot light sensors, mercury thermostats, used motor oil and used oil filters. Electronic devices weighing less than 40 pounds, such as VCRs, cell phones, telephones, printers, radios, computers, monitors and TVs, will also be accepted.

Appointments are required for the Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste program. Due to budgetary constraints, collection is limited to ten households per collection date. Residents are asked to exercise good judgment in scheduling an appointment based upon the amount of waste to be disposed.

The Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste program is a product of the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Integrated Waste Management Division (IWM). IWM manages the Yolo County Central Landfill, the Esparto Convenience Center, and various recycling programs throughout the county. IWM offers free recycling opportunities for electronic waste, cardboard, plastics #1 - #7, agricultural and rigid plastics, used motor oil and filters, and mixed paper and glass at the landfill seven days a week. For more information on IWM programs and regularly schedule Household Hazardous Waste drop-off days visit: <u>http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1359</u>.

To schedule a Senior/Disabled Resident Household Hazardous Waste pickup, call 1-866-714-8470.