

Hazardous Waste Program

The Redlands Fire Department currently operates both the Household Hazardous Waste program and the E-Waste Collection Program. These programs are essential in maintaining the City's legal responsibility to reduce these types of waste from the solid waste stream. Legislation passed in California, AB939, and AB2707 mandate that the solid waste stream be reduced by 50% by the end of the year 2000. These programs assist the city in maintaining that legal obligation, and in addition, the programs are considered valuable by residents of the City of Redlands and other local communities.

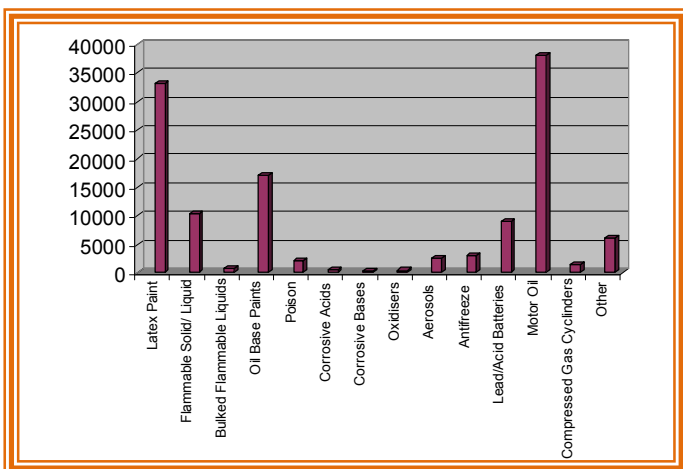
The program was initially started in 1986 through a corporative effort between San Bernardino County and the City of Redlands. The initial focus was to follow a Hazardous Waste Management hierarchy in prioritizing our efforts. The priorities were:

- Reduction of Hazardous Waste generated through public education
- Recycling of Hazardous Waste
- Treatment of Hazardous Waste

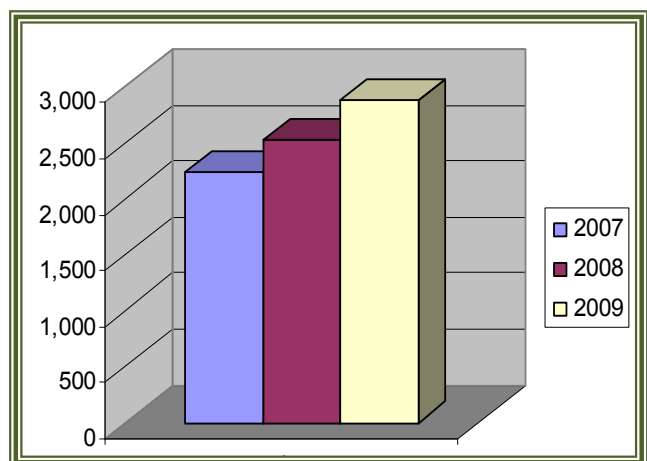
We are meeting and exceeding our initial goals. Currently we recycle as much of the material as possible. One example of this is paint that is recycled is available for community projects as well as graffiti removal. For products that are collected and still considered to be usable, we offer a waste exchange program where residents can go to acquire waxes and polishes as well as other products to be used in pest control for free, and we ask only they return any unused products.

The collection site is located at the Redlands City Yard, 500 Kansas Street and operates from 0930-1230 hours on Saturdays. The City of Redlands collection site is considered one of the busiest sites in the county collecting over 207,525 lbs of hazardous waste annually. We are currently serving over 3,000 participants annually.

In March of 2009 we increased our services by also collecting E-Waste in addition to Household Hazardous Waste. The total amount collected for the year was 66,155 lbs. This amount includes CRTs as well as peripherals that encompass computer key boards and other electronic devices



Collected Household Hazardous Materials listed in pounds 2009



Participant usage by Year