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## Take my hazardous waste, please

Jenna Hunt, The Desert Trail

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Cars line up and wait for the opportunity to drop off household hazardous waste. (Courtesy Photo)

TWENTYNINE PALMS — It's been three years since the city held a hazardous waste event locally; nearly 200 residents happily dropped off toxic goods at a collection event held Saturday, Oct. 27.

Televisions, computer monitors and parts, paint mixes and pesticides topped the list of items relinquished safely at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

Residents showed up with a wide variety of hazardous waste during the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in the parking lot behind Twentynine Palms City Hall.

Mario Villescas, of Twentynine Palms, had an extra large item to drop off.

"I'm dropping off a big TV," he said of the 55-inch television in his truck. "I think this is awesome! It is a good convenience for the community."

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Thornburg helped supervise the event.

"The last time we did this was 2015," he said.

Cars were lined up and down the street waiting to drop off the hazardous waste at 9 a.m. when the site opened.

"Our advertising was a lot stronger this time," Thornburg said. "We were hoping for 200 people."

The collection event was co-sponsored by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the city of Twentynine Palms and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District.

Pastor Allan Morrow with Desert Congregational Church stopped by as a private citizen to drop off older computers, a microwave and some car parts.

"I'm just dropping off a lot of old stuff," Morrow said. "This is great!"

Motor oil, paint, televisions and DVD players were received along with liquid and solid medications that have been separated and home-generated sharps and needles in approved containers.

In 2015, about 104 people showed up to drop off their hazardous waste.

“It jumped up this year,” he said noting that more than 150 people had come through by noon.

The event did not include any public volunteers due to safety concerns, Thornburg said.

“They were all county fire or hazmat people,” he said.

The event also accepted motor oil and used filters, auto and household batteries, paint products, anti-freeze, household cleaners and pesticides and fertilizers.

The site was the drop off point for dozens of televisions and computer monitors, CPUs and printers, fluorescent tubes, microwave ovens, cell phones and telephones, space heaters, stereos, radio, VCRs and DVD players, musical cards and clothes irons.

The event did not accept waste from foreclosed properties, nonprofit organizations or business or commercial waste.

Joshua Tree is the location to drop off hazardous materials from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month.

For more information contact the city of Twentynine Palms at (760) 367-6799.

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## **LVEDA meeting to discuss FP-5 lawsuit, Policy 4.10 of RECE**

**Staff Writer, Daily Press**

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Several weighty issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association, scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Lucerne Valley Senior Center, 10431 Allen Way.

LVEDA President Chuck Bell said those in attendance on Election Night can expect to hear a discussion of Lucerne Valley’s involvement in legal action against the approval of the San Bernardino County FP-5 parcel tax. A lawsuit already has been filed seeking to overturn FP-5, which was approved by county Supervisors following a controversial mail-in protest vote. The tax adds a fee of \$157.26 per parcel in unincorporated areas of the county to pay for county fire services.

Bell said also on the LVEDA agenda will be a discussion of the Board of Supervisors’ expected Tuesday vote on Policy 4.10 of the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element.

There also will be an update on where Lucerne Valley stands in the county’s Community Plan process, and comments on the Ord Mountain Solar Environmental Impact Reports.

Lucerne Valley residents will want to attend to hear the latest on all of these important issues.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20181031/lveda-meeting-to-discuss-fp-5-lawsuit-policy-410-of-rece>

## **WeTip leads to arrest of Hesperia couple who stored rotting medical waste**

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Anonymous information called into the WeTip National crime hotline has led to the arrest and conviction of Alan and Rhonda Trindle, both of Hesperia.

The couple reportedly had a public storage unit containing rotting medical waste, chemo, sharps, red bags and expired pharmaceuticals.

According to Investigator Steve Rivera, of the San Bernardino County District Attorneys office, authorities were able to remove quite a bit of the hazardous medical waste as well as dead animals, costing the County over \$45,000.

The Trindles' both received 56 days in jail and 36 months probation.

They were also ordered to pay \$12,902 restitution to the **county fire** dept, and they were also ordered to pay \$39,414 to the division of Environmental and health services.

The investigating officer rated this tip a 10, on a scale of one to ten stating "very good tip." The informant, in this case, requested a cash reward and can now call to arrange to pick up their reward.

WeTip has aided law enforcement authorities in taking over 1,300,700 crime reports resulting in over 17,000 Crimes solved. Due to anonymous reporting, WeTip has aided Law Enforcement in the seizure of over \$340 Million worth of illegal drugs and narcotics. All calls and webtips to WeTip are absolutely anonymous. No one ever knows who gave the tip.

WeTip has been serving the Nation with anonymous tip programs for over 46 years. Live operators staff the phones 24 hours a day 365 days per year. WeTip has no taping, tracing or caller ID. WeTip also offers rewards of up to \$1,000 when information leads to an arrest and conviction.

If you have information about any type of crime, call WeTip at 800-78-CRIME to report illegal or suspicious activity or log on to wetip.com. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential.

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