



Additional Information and Resources in Pleasanton & Livermore

For specific questions about used oil and other hazardous wastes in Pleasanton or Livermore, contact Danielle Stefani, Hazardous Materials Coordinator for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, at (925) 454-2338 or dstefani@lpfire.org.

There is information about recycling and other environmental issues at the City of Pleasanton website, www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. From the menu at the top of the home page, select "Services" and then "Residential Services." You'll find "Refuse and Recycling" in the menu bar at the left. This describes the recycling cart system, which has now replaced the old "blue bag" program for recycling.

There is information about used oil recycling under "Fire Services," also accessed from the "Residential Services" page. Choose "Fire Prevention" to find it.

Pleasanton does not offer curbside collection service for used oil and filters, but there are several locations where they can be dropped off for free, and these are listed on the last page of the student lesson book.

The Livermore website www.ci.livermore.ca.us has information on recycling programs including oil recycling. From the home page, choose "Departments" then "Public Works" then "Solid Waste and Recycling." Used oil but not filters are picked up at curbside by the hauler Waste Management. Single-family residents may call 447-1300 for the required oil containers.

The Alameda County website www.stopwaste.org has a wealth of additional information about waste reduction and recycling. From the home page, you can use drop-down menus to access information about recycling a wide variety of materials. More general information can be found by clicking on the yellow box for "Residents." The blue box for "Schools" describes free recycling resources and assistance available to schools.

A direct link to the site's section on household hazardous waste is at www.household-hazwaste.org. There are three drop-off locations for toxic materials such as household cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent tubes, paint, and batteries. The locations are in Hayward, Livermore and Oakland, and are open on a limited schedule. The schedule and maps to the locations are on the website. These drop-off locations should be used to dispose of motor oil that has been contaminated with other materials such as gasoline, antifreeze or solvents, and absorbents such as rags or cat litter that have been used to clean up oil spills.

The site also has a section on alternatives to hazardous household products that you and your students may find interesting.

For broader local environmental information, check out the National Resources Defense Council's site called "Green Gate" www.nrdc.org/greengate/, an "Environmental Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area." It is very easy to navigate, has a wide range of information, and has links to other organizations in the "Green Guides and Resources" section.