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**NO-FEE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY OPENS -
RECYCLE MATERIALS EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**

Nevada County, CA, June 10, 2006 - Once you have read the warnings on the can of drain cleaner in your bathroom or recognized the danger of storing solvents and contaminated oil in your garage, what can you safely do with the toxic material that remains in the containers? Worry no longer. County residents can RECYCLE the many toxic household materials from their kitchens, bathrooms, and garages at the new HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) Facility now open at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station.

Recycling of residential hazardous waste is free at the Facility (there may be a fee for business recycling), and there are several important things to remember so the trip will be faster, easier, and safer:

- limit your load to 15 gallons or 125 pounds
- whenever possible, take materials in the original, labeled containers
- containers must be sealed (spill-proof and leak-proof)
- never mix chemicals together
- bag or box items in the trunk or the pickup bed (not the passenger area)

Says Daria Kent, Nevada County Recycling Technician, "Keep your home and family safe. It's easy to find inexpensive, nontoxic alternatives to products that are dangerous." She adds, "If there is any question about what exactly constitutes household hazardous waste, use this as a guide: *If a product label says "danger," "caution," "warning," or "poison," it is household hazardous waste.*"

ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the New HHW Facility are: contaminated motor oil • contaminated gasoline • brake fluid • solvents • automotive chemicals • insecticides • herbicides • pesticides • poisons • cleaners: rug, oven, tub/tile/toilet • all-purpose drain openers • silver polish • chlorine bleach, ammonia, and disinfectants • pool chemicals • rubber cement • furniture polish • and many more household chemicals.

UNACCEPTED MATERIALS: explosives/ammunition, asbestos, radioactive materials, gas cylinders, biohazards (syringes in rigid plastic containers are accepted).

Operating Hours: Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday - Businesses only - Call 272-3012 for appointment and cost estimate.

To receive a copy of the Nevada County Recycles guide to nontoxic alternatives, call the Recycling Hotline 265-1768. For more information about household hazardous waste recycling, visit www.NevadaCountyRecycles.com.