



## News Release

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### **SLVHD to kick-off HHW Community Collection season this Thursday**

*New Draper location will help south valley residents with recycling efforts*

(Salt Lake County) – On Thursday, June 3 (tomorrow), the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) will once again kick-off their summer community collection events that help Salt Lake County residents correctly dispose of old or unused household hazardous waste (HHW). The season kick-off will also showcase the program’s newest drop-off location in Draper City.

“Every year, for the past 16 years, the number of residents that take advantage of our collection events and the amount of waste collected, continues to grow – some years growing as much as 50%,” says Dorothy Adams, HHW program manger. “And from our event surveys, it became obvious that the residents at the south end of the valley could greatly use a collection site.”

However, with 2010 budget cuts, SLVHD wasn’t sure if adding a new site would be feasible this year. When a Draper site was proposed, city officials jumped in to help secure the new location.

As in past years, HHW disposal services are free of charge to all residents in the Salt Lake valley. This year’s collection events will also accept electronic waste (old computers, TVs, mobile phones, etc.) in addition to traditional HHW products such as paint, antifreeze, oil, or pesticides.

#### **2010 Schedule of HHW Community Collection Events**

- √ 1st Thursday of the month **Draper**  
Galena Park 12452 South Galena park Blvd (550 West)  
June 3, July 1, August 5
- √ 2nd Thursday of the month **Sandy**  
Public Works 8775 South 700 West  
June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9
- √ 3rd Thursday of the month **Holladay**  
4626 South 2300 East  
June 17, July 15, August 19
- √ 4th Thursday of the month **SLC**  
Sugarhouse Park Big Field Pavilion 1300 East - 1700 East 2100 South  
June 24, July 22, August 26

*If you have questions please call (801) 313-6700.*

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In 2009, the HHW program diverted over 1.2 million pounds of potentially hazardous waste from the local landfills and ensured proper disposal.

Any items brought in that are still usable are available free to the public at the HHW Re-use Centers (located at the HHW permanent collection facilities). The centers have paint, pesticides, fertilizers and more. Last year the reuse program saved over \$80,000 in disposal costs.

Items that are not reusable but can be recycled are then sorted and shipped to different recycling manufacturers. They in turn, make other products from the materials they receive. Some products that can be made from recycled materials are paint primer, caulking and lubricants. Items that can't be reused or recycled are sent to facilities where the material is safely destroyed in 1400 degree Fahrenheit incinerators.

For more information on the SLVHD Household Hazardous Waste Summer Community Collection Days, call 313-6745, or visit our website at [www.slvhealth.org](http://www.slvhealth.org)

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